# We Got It...

# Together


1992 Reflector

On the cover. Seniors attempt to build their human pyramid during activities night to add pointsto their total score. Back cover: Seniors use their vocal chords to shout for the Panthers as well as for the class of 1992 to show their loyalty.

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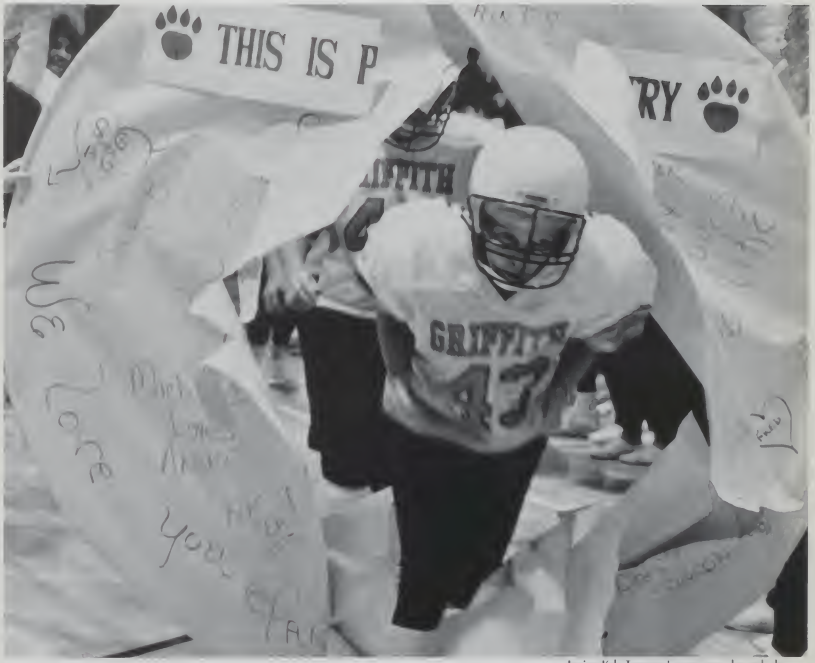


Junior Kyle Toweson's mom runs through the hoop while enacting the lives of the coaches and football players during the town pep rally. Throughout the year, students, parents, and teachers worked to get it together.

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After summer winds down and the school year creeps up, students linger back to Griffith High School for another 36 weeks together. On the first day of school, many problems occur, such as jammed lockers, lost schedules, and missing books. As the year progresses, students grow accustomed to the hectic and stressful life of attending high school.

Senior Rick Burks helps senior Noel Grudzien bandage her arm to simulate a disabled person during Adult Prep.

After the first few weeks of school, the students of Griffith formed clubs to participate in extracurricular activities. The Booster Club, Sweatergirls, Pantherettes, and Cheerleaders joined together to organize pep-rallies, locker buddies, and other school

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Left: Foreign Exchange Student Bruno Carre shows his spirit during "Spirit Week" by dressing up as a female student. Above: The Pantherettes and Cheerleaders perform a routine together to help boost team spirit. Right: Mr. Dick Reyome's granddaughter, Amanda and Mrs. Kay Orzechowicz's daughter, Molly clap along with the crowd during the town pep rally.

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spirited functions.

Not only did Griffith students show school spirit, but town members joined in to help out by attending sporting events, cheering along at pep-rallies, and allowing student council members to paint spirited phrases on business windows.

The Pantherettes and Cheerleaders got it together by learning a routine for a pep-rally during football season.

The football team, as well as the wrestling team, worked together to achieve a first time regional win . Also, the Basketball team earned a Sportsmanship Award during sectionals. Not only did the Griffith students work individually during the year, but did it . . . together.


Left: Members of the crowd and the "Griffith Demo Football team" cheer together with the cheerleaders during the town pep-rally. Above: The Pantherettes and JV and Varsity Cheerleaders sit in front of all of the good luck signs made for the town pep-rally to cheer on the panthers for Semi-State. Right: Senior Neil Miklusak searches along the gym floor looking for the bone as part of a student council activity.

# Together

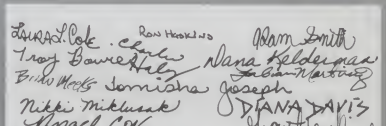
# We got it in . . .

Students' lives don't exist only in the classroom. Many other activities are things such as Homecoming, Turnabout, Prom, plays, and victory dances which are school related events done outside of school. Other things are events done on the student's own time and free will.

The 1991-92 school year brought many different memories . One is that of a white cow from the Griffith Miniature Golf Course, painted black, and placed on the football field in the middle of the night in order to boost that Griffith spirit.

In all activities students of GHS have got it . . .together.

## Student Life



Left: Placed on the field as a prank after activities night was the fake cow . Right: Senior Don Wassermann leads the team through the giant bone during the town pep rally. Various groups worked together in order to make the pep rally spirited for the team.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# fashion show
## sewers strut their stuff

Fashions have undergone many changes. From maxi to mini, high class to every day wear, and mix and match to solids.

Once patterns are selected, stylists and manufacturers go to work.

Sewing students showed off their talents during the spring show.

Fashions varied from pajamas to elegant evening gowns.

Sewing teacher Mrs. Margie Keithley was in charge of the fashion show. It was held on May 21 in the cafeteria. The clothes that were modeled were made by Mrs. Keithley's first and second hour classes.

Senior Angie Skaggs said,"About nine of us made shorts that glow in the dark , to model off in the show."

Senior Allison Kundrot said,"I usually lose everything, but that's ok because I'm a ditz. I also wish that I could have taken more sewing classes, but my schedule couldn't be rearranged."

> "About nine of us made shorts, that glow in the dark, to model in the show," said Angie Skaggs.

Sewing can be frustrating sometimes. Sophomore Jessica Redar said,"I was trying to make a shirt , but I just couldn't figure out the pattern; it was hopeless."

Sophomore Melissa Whitfield said,"I enjoyed being in the class. I was able to meet new people and the fashion show topped off the end of the year."

In the Evening and Bridal section of the fashion show, girls were escorted by seniors Don Wassermann, Don Higgins, Jim Bogner, Mike Hernandez, Mike Serratore and juniors Jason Matthews and Matt Moore.

Senior Jen Romano won the Outstanding Effort and Workmanship Award. Other sewing students won money and sewing supplies at the fashion show for the clothes they had made. Among these, seniors Sherry Bragg, Allison Kundrot, Pat Vrehas, and Tammy Stone; junior Sarah Furman and sophomores Marilyn Bragg and Melissa Whitfield won awards.

Mrs. Keithley said,"I was very pleased that the girls did a great job, and I'm glad the public was able to see their work."

*By Diana Davis and LeeAnn Riese*

Senior Tabitha Dishman modeled a camisole and a skirt that she had made.

Senior Sherry Bragg gives Mrs. Margie Keithley a flower and a goodbye hug.

Modeling her shorts outfit, senior Jen Romano gives the audience a big smile.

## TEN TOP

Fashions modeled. . . . . .

✓Polka dot shorts

✓ Halloween costumes

✓ Baby clothes

✓ Mini-skirt

✓ Formal dresses

✓ Business suits

✓ Evening gowns

✓ Pajamas

✓ Blouses

✓ Wedding Gown

Senior Mike Hernandez escorts angie skaggs off the modeleing platform.

Senior Angie Skaggs leads the congo line onto the runway.

Senior Jen Romano modeled a wedding dress that took her almost a year to make.

Senior Pat Vrehas shows off her polka dot shirt that she made.

# students
## show their spirit

Any outsider walking through the halls from October 7th to the 11th would think they entered the Twilight Zone. Students were dressed as cows, Batman, and other outrageous costumes. "It was really exciting seeing everyone participating in spirit week. It was cool how everyone had different costumes,"said junior Becky Chandler.

On the other days, students as well as teachers, clashed, dressed up, and wore their clothes inside out and backwards. "Activities Night was a great way to show school spirit and it gave everyone a chance to become involved ,"said senior Jennifer King.

> "The seniors have to win spirit week; it's tradition," said senior Cindy Knezevich.

Not only did students dress up, they also participated in activities night. Senior Bryan Galocy said, "I had a lot of fun being in the human pyramid and I'm glad the seniors killed the rest of the competition in that event." The balloon toss, powderpuff football, and the tug of war were some of the other events.

Special activities were planned just for the Homecoming court. "I thought they should have had the pie eating contest,"stated Russ Dewes.

Overall, the seniors took first for spirit week, followed by the juniors in second, and the sophomores in third.

"I think the students showed real enthusiasm and the program turned out to be its usual success,"said Mr. Birk.

*By Diana Davis*

Mrs. Keithley joined in the fun by dressing up as Sherry Bragg on costume day.


Seniors Bryan Galocy and Roger Helfin try to pump up the senior section for the yelling contest.

## TEN

Reasons to participate in activities night. . . . . .

✓ To see the court make fools of themselves
✓ To be crushed in a human pyramid
✓ To throw water balloons at your friends
✓ To run around in circles with your forehead on a bat
✓ To be dragged across the football field in the tug-of-war
✓ To show class spirit
✓ To lose your voice in the shouting contest
✓ Lack of anything else to do
✓90210 was a rerun

Brent Messmer dressed as the Grim Reaper

The Seniors celebrate after winning the human pyramid contest

Eric Schrieber spins around the bat before he races for the finish line.


As a part of the court activities, Russ Dewes tries to pop the most balloons to win.

Neil Miklusak wraps Denise Castillo in toilet paper in the court activities.

# homecoming
## griffith style

What made Homecoming so special? Was it the crowing of the king and queen, the parade, the victory dance, or the game itself?

Senior Denise Castillo said,"Homecoming was so much fun because I was involved in Activities Night, the parade, and court, but the most exciting part was standing on the football field waiting to hear who would be crowned."

"It was cool how the people in the stands were screaming, yelling, and going crazy while the court was on the field,"said senior Donnie Higgins.

Homecoming gave students a chance to get involved. "I had a good time decorating the Sweater Girls' truck and riding in it during the parade,"said junior Rachel Carden.

"I thought the parade was very organized. Beating Highland was cool, but it wasn't very exciting,"said senior Steve Mitchuson.

"I felt more involved as a junior than I did as a sophomore, " said junior LoraLee Kilgore.

Other students felt the dance was the best part of the night.

"I thought the dance was cool because we already knew we won, all the work was done and we could relax and have a good time,"said senior Jen Romano.

Senior Kevin Kozuch said,"I was pleased to see that everyone in Student Council worked hard and Homecoming went well."

> "The dance was a lot of fun because everyone was hyper from winning,"said Jenny McKnight.

*By Diana Davis*

Photos by J. Littlefield

## TEN 101

Reasons to be on Homecoming Court.....

- ✓ To be wrapped in toilet paper
- ✓ To freeze in a formal dress on the football field
- ✓ To ride around the track in a nice convertable
- ✓ To wear a fake smile for fifteen minutes.
- ✓ To get more pictures in the yearbook
- ✓ To sit on whipped cream balloons
- ✓ To hear your achievements announced during halftime
- ✓ To be God's gift to women
- ✓ To boost your ego
- ✓ To feel wanted and admired


Senior Denise Castillo rides down the street in her car during the parade.


Sophomore Natalie Bogielski waves her pinwheel cheering on the Panthers in the Junior car.


Jen Romano holds the letters for the senior class.


Senior Eric Schreiber charged through the hoop before the game.


The senior float, Break on Through, won second place at the parade.


Homecoming court: Rick Burks, Adrienne Bogelski, Don Higgins, Queen Tricia Roye, King Neil Miklusak, Denise Castillo, Russ Dewes, Korey Hrdina, and Don Wasserman.

Many students attend the Chili Supper before the game.

# fundraisers
## making a profit

Why do clubs participate in fundraisers? Are they actually fun? DECA sponsor Richard Reyome said,"Fundraisers are a necessary evil. I don't know anyone who likes them, but an organization needs fundraisers to function." Selling Sweet-O-Grams, candy, calendars, ice scrapers, and picture frames were some ways DECA earned money. Most of the money DECA made went to pay for the students expenses during the state competition in Indianapolis. DECA also sponsored a Lap-a-thon to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The Pantherettes and cheerleaders had elementary camps to raise money. For one week students from Griffith elementary schools came to the high school to practice. The Pantherettes taught the children a dance routine and the cheerleaders taught them cheers.

> "The fundraisers can be fun, but they usually are a pain,"said senior Jeff O'Brien

"Even though it was hard teaching the little girls moves like the running man, it was fun,"said sophomore Alicia Kristufek.

Pantherette sponsor Martha Davis said, "Out of the three camps, this years was the best. It was organized and the campers were well behaved. All of the Pantherettes did a great job getting the girls on and off the gym floor and performing with them."

Junior cheerleader LeeAnn Riese said, "I felt our camp should have been more organized, but I still had a good time working with the little girls."

Mrs. Keithley's sewing classes had a different approach to raise money;they raffled off a car phone. Proceeds went to purchase awards for the fashion show and towards a thousand dollar sewing scholarship. Mrs. Keithley said, "I give the scholarship to recognize outstanding sewing students and help them pay for college."

*By Diana Davis*
Photos by J. Littlefield

### TEN Fundraisers

- ✓ Candy sales
- ✓ Sweet -O- Grams
- ✓ Raffles
- ✓ Kid Camps
- ✓ Lap -A- Thons
- ✓ Fundraising Dinners
- ✓ Lift -A- Thons
- ✓ Carnation Sales
- ✓ Bake Sale
- ✓ Popcorn Sales


Senior Scott Sutton gave Senior Don Wassermann a break by pulling him in a wagon at the Lap-a-thon.

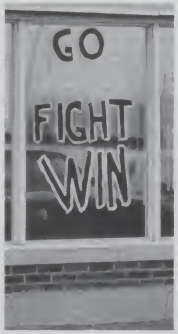
Senior Jeff O'Brien eats a slice of pizza while walking.

Senior Rick Burks and junior Andre Jones walked laps for Muscular Dystrophy.

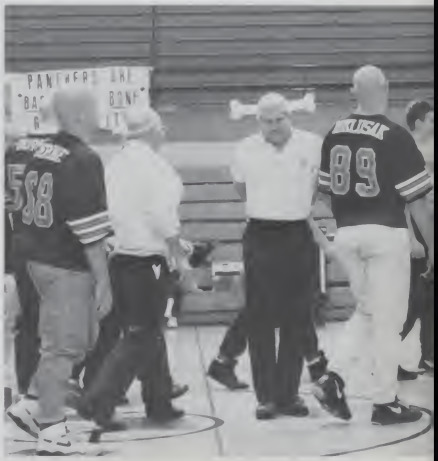
Junior Shellie Linders led her campers through a routine.

4th, 5th, and 6th grade Junior Pantherettes performed a pom routine with the Pantherettes at a Varsity basketball game.

During the town pep rally, seniors Todd Leslie and Donnie Higgins searched for the bone while blindfolded. The bone was eventually found by senior Russ Dewes.




Windows downtown showed signs of support. The townspeople and businesses suppoted our team 100%.




Coach Anderson emerges from the huddle as a bonehead.

# TEN how do you spell spirit s-i-g-n-s & r-a-l-l-i-e-s

Spirited People

- ✓ People who took the cow
- ✓ Cheer leaders
- ✓ Girls who stripped for the pep rally
- ✓ Pantherettes
- ✓ Sweater Girls
- ✓ Locker Buddies
- ✓ Bone Builders
- ✓ Panther Fans
- ✓ Football players
- ✓ Coaches

The 1991 football season at GHS had many firsts. The football team accomplished the title of regional champs for the first time. If that's not enough excitement for you, take a look at crowd support and involvement. Over 4,000 fans showed up at the game for starters. A night pep rally was held. Upon entering the varsity lobby, fans were greeted with bones, cups and markers. Markers? Yes, each fan was to sign their name on sheets hanging on the wall. Lights dimmed in the gym, and excitement mounted. "Bad to the Bone" was blasted over the sound system. A lone spotlight illuminated the gym where each player came into sight. Cheerleaders and pantherettes performed together to "Jungle Jam" and moms cheered.Cheers were made up by Mrs. Gall, and a dance was choreographed by pantherette moms."Bone" heads walked around with wonderful thoughts of winning, and the players frantically searched for the bone. The loyal painted windows downtown, hung black and gold paraphernalia everywhere, and even posted signs in their front yards. Senior Scott and sophomore Chad Sutton know what this is all about. Chad said,"It's a yearly project that started when my brother was a junior, it's become a family project. At the pep rally I never expected to see that many people turn out to support us, it was great!" Scott said,"Winning the regional at GHS is one thing I'll never forget." One memory for many will be the "BONE" that Shelli Linders and Sarah Krooswyk constructed. A fifteen foot replica of a wishbone that the players ran through was a highlight for all. Linders said,"The best part of building the bone was getting to play with all the ooze. It showed the team that we were behind them one-hundred percent. The bone symbolized our school and what we stood for."

> "The best thing about the bone is that it boosted everyone's spirit," said junior Shelli Linders.

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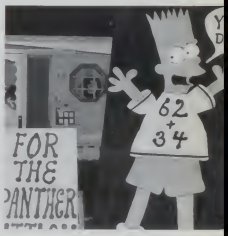
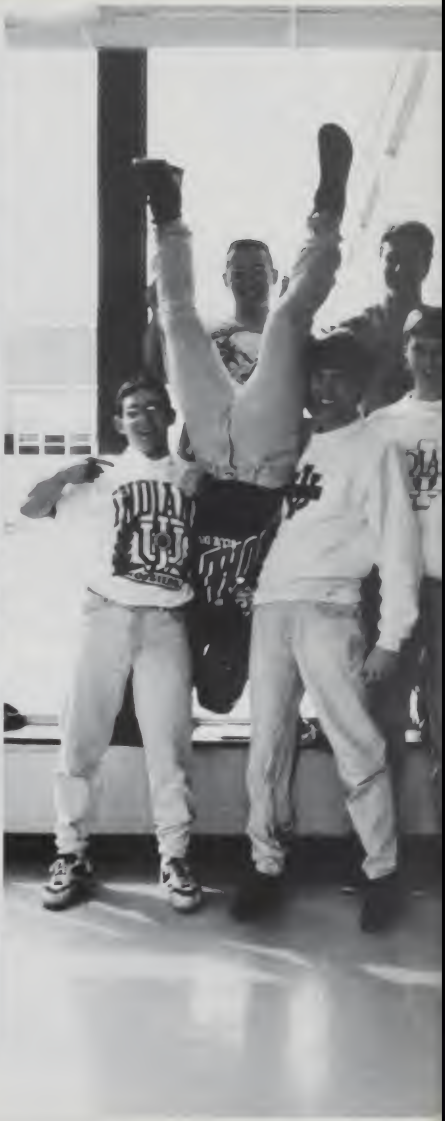
The bone, built by juniors Shelli Linders and Sarah Krooswyk was for the players to run through.

Proud parents yelled and waved signs to show their spirit.




Bart Simpson and the Sutton's warned Dwenger to be ready for a panther attack.

Senior Ed Halajcsik, a Duke fan, imitates Duke's star player, Christian Laettner.



Miss Julie Marcinek, an IU grad, places an IU bumper sticker on her door.

IU fans Scott and Todd Leslie, Rob Wlazlo, Bruce Weyhe , Mike Moore assault Duke fan Derek Wesolowski.

# FEN 101

Commercials on TV during a basketball game.

- Gatorade
- Nike
- Dan and Dave(to be settled in Barcelona)
- Sports Illustrated (swimsuit issue)
- Minute Maid(NBA Official)
- Chevy Car and Truck
- Little Caesars(You got a lot of pepperoni in your bread)
- Miller Genuine Draft
- American Airlines
- Pepsi(UH-HUH)

# "Fan"atics

## March means madness

After football season ends, whether it's high school, college, or pro, some students start to focus on basketball. Sporting goods stores go along with this idea also. Varsity shop owners said,"We start stocking basketball equipment two months before the regular season starts."

Senior Jamie Dutcher said,"After the Bears' and 49'ers' seasons are over I begin to switch to the Bulls."

Colleges begin to prepare. The season begins with practice in October followed by games in November.

Senior Mike Toth said, "I follow the season from start to end, the whole concept of the games are exciting on the collegiate level."

> "I look forward to March Madness," said senior Rob Wlazlo.

The Final Four consisted of Duke, Indiana, Michigan and Cincinnati. Senior Scott Leslie said, "Go Big 10! Michigan all the way!"

"Duke, need I say more?," said senior Ed Halajcsik.

Needless to say, Indiana fans reacted differently. Journalism teacher and IU graduate Miss Julie Marcinek was "speechless". After watching the Indiana-Duke game she lost her voice cheering on the Hoosiers.

First ranked Duke dominated the courts throughout the season. Senior Steve Mitchuson said, "I knew Duke was going to win all along, I just didn't know by how much."

All loyal fans don't give up; there's still next year. Senior Bruce Weyhe said, "Don't worry, Michigan will be back next year because they're young. Indiana will be back and win it all next year."

LeeAnn Riese
and
Diana Davis
Photos J. Littlefield

Senior Marco Perez and his brother Matthew wear Bulls clothes to show their spirit

Senior Todd Kosteba draws a blue devil to show his support for Duke

# Dahmer: The *Ruthless* Embalmer

Serial killer Jeffery Dahmer was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1960. As a child he was considered a loner and a poor student.

After graduation he attended Ohio State University for a few months, he dropped out and enlisted in the Army in December 1978. By 1981 he was given an early discharge for heavy drinking.

In 1985 Dahmer was employed by the Ambrosia Chocolate Company as a stock clerk. He was known as a quiet, mild-mannered man. On July 22, 1991 Milwaukee police officers, Robert Rauth and Rolf Mueller, saw Tracy Edwards running toward their police car with handcuffs hanging from his wrist. He pointed to the Oxford Apartments and said the man in 213 had a big knife under his bed and was trying to kill him. When the police went inside Dahmer's apartment they found photographs of mutilated bodies. Among these there was a photo of a sculpture Dahmer had made from an unidentified, decaying head resting on a pair of severed hands. Police discovered three heads in Dahmer's freezer, five skulls scraped clean and stored in a filing cabinet; two more heads were also found stashed on a closet shelf.

Dahmer confessed to the murders of 11 men and later confessed to six others that date back to 1978. Dahmer detailed the gruesome dismemberments that took place at his neat, one-bedroom apartment in Milwaukee or at his grandmother's house in a nearby suburb. His victims tended to be black homosexuals. While some of his victims were unconscious, Dahmer tried performing labotomies, drilling holes in their heads in order to put a chemical in their brains. He said he was trying to create zombies under his complete control. After his attempts failed he killed them, threw out the flesh with the trash and either smashed the bones with a sledgehammer or soaked them in acid until they became mush.

Dahmer was found sane by a 10 to 2 jury verdict in Milwaukee. He was sentenced to 15 terms of life imprisonment since Milwaukee does not have the death penalty.

## DRINKING AND DRIVING DON'T MIX

Michael A. Flores, a 28-year-old man was drunk when he drove his car into the back of a van carrying four Hanover Central High School girls and two of their mothers. Flores, a Schererville resident, was sentenced to 36 years in prison and will not be eligible for parole for 18 years. A jury in March 1992 found Flores guilty of seven counts each of causing death with a motor vehicle and reckless homocide while intoxicated.

Lake Superior Court Magistrate T. Edwards Page judged Flores could not be found guilty on charges for each person killed. He sentenced Flores to six years for his fiancee's death on a charge of causing death by a motor vehicle while intoxicated. Flores was also sentenced to 5 years each for the deaths of 6 others in the van he hit.

Survivors of family members killed in the crash asked to court to sentence Flores for a long stretch of time, a few asked for the maximum sentence. The families suggested that Flores be made an example for other drunk drivers.

# Bombings set off fears in NW Indiana

***Bombs kill one woman; chemical bomb in school***

At 7:55, on January 13, many students and faculty of the Griffith High School were alarmed to hear a big boom coming from the downstairs boys' bathroom. The explosion was caused by explosive chemicals in a two-liter plastic pop bottle, set off by a17 year-old male from the junior class.It was set as a prank; fortunately, no one was hurt and no damage was done.

In addition to this bombing, there was a series of them in the area. Five explosions hit from December 23 in the Robertsdale are of Hammond to January 12 in the Woodmar neighborhood of Hammond. Others occurred in Highland and Hammond. The first killed 65 year old Hammond resident Emily Antkowicz.

It is believed the bombings were part of a robbery plan to distract police to the sites of the bombings, thus enabling area businesses to be robbed more easily. Suspects are awaiting trial at the close of this school year.

# Seatbelt Slip Up

On Saturday , January 12, 1992, Sally Jesse Raphael, daytime talk show host, was told her son had been rushed to Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, New York. Her 19-year-old adopted son, J.J., had crashed into a tree and tumbled down a ravine near the family's home in Montrose. It took a rescue crew 45 minutes to cut through the wreck and remove J.J. and two friends from the car. Although they were wearing seatbelts, all three were seriously injured. J.J. underwent a seven hour surgery to put a pin in his broken leg and to wire his broken jaw. He also suffered broken ribs and his face needed 56 stitches. He was in a coma for more than six days.

He regained consciousness while squeezing his mother's hand on January 18. He suffered no internal injuries or neurological damage, and would take up to a year for him to return to good health.

Raphael stayed at her son's bedside 10 to 12 hours every day. During her son's trauma, Raphael missed only one taping of her talk show. After 35 years in the business and being fired 18 times, Raphael, who is in her late fifties, now makes more than 1 million a year.

## Say WHAT?

Tragic endings and new beginnings in the rich and famous:

Break-ups

no Julia Roberts & Kiefer Sutherland

no Donald & Ivana Trump

no Prince Andrew & Sarah Ferguson

no Tammy Faye & Jim Bakker

Marriages

on Cindy Crawford & Richard Gere

on Elizabeth Taylor & Larry Fortensky

on Rod Stewart & Rachel Hunter

on Annete Benning & Warren Beatty

on Nicolette Sheridan & Harry Hamlin

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# Commissioner Dud *Causes* Chicago Flood

Disaster hit Chicago, Illinois Monday, April 13, 1992. The Chicago River went crashing through a concrete wall in the tunnel beneath the river causing a flood in the downtown Loop area. Thousands of office workers were forced to evacuate the buildings, inmates were confined to their cells at a federal prison in the area, and police increased downtown patrol by 100 officers.

Commonwealth Edison shut off the power about noon from the Chicago River on the north to Calhoun Place, on the south, and from Franklin to LaSalle streets. Power was also cut from part the south branch of the river to Canal street and from Lake to Van Buren. About 200 buildings in the Loop were affected. The Chicago Chamber of Commerce estimated the economic losses to city workers and businesses at $200 million.

John LaPlante, the acting Transportation Commissioner, was blamed for the disaster. The problem was brought to his attention early in February, but failed to act soon enough. In January, workers for a Chicago Cable Television Company videotaped a crack in the tunnel 20 feet long, with a worker trying to get through the knee-deep mud in the tunnel and part of a caved-in wall.While LaPlante's department was getting bids from contractors, the crack became a 24 foot hole and flooded the underground freight system, causing chaos to the city's business community.

Mayor Daley requested and received John LaPlante's resignation on April 15.

By mid-afternoon Tuesday, April 15, Commonwealth Edision had restored power to most of the building and the Loop almost returned to normal business activity.

## PALM BEACH PASSION BLUNDER

William Kennedy Smith, 30 year old nephew of Senator Ted Kennedy, was charged with rape. Reports of the incident became public on April 1.

Patricia Bowman, a 29 old woman, was a the Au Bar night Club on Good Friday Evening, 1991. She had met Smith, Senator Kennedy, 59 years old, and his son Patrick, a 23 year old Rhode Island State Senator. About 3:30 a.m., Bowman was invited to the Kennedy's beach, Florida. She claimed she was raped there about 4 a.m. She was treated for minor injuries at Humana Hospital and then released.

Smith, a 1983 guaduate of Duke University, worked briefly as an investment banker before entering Georgetown University Medical School.

Smith and both Kennedy's denied any involvement in the incident. Mark Merkin, who was Smith's roommate at Duke, defended him. Senator Kennedy said he had no idea who the alleged victim was. He later stated that even though Smith was a suspect, that didn't mean he was guilty.

Willie Smith was acquitted on the rape charges. Rape is a tough charge to prove beyond a reasonable doubt, and Smith and his lawyer succeeded in establishing reasonable doubt. The testimony of three women who say Smith attacked them sexually in the past was thrown out by the judge. Even though Smith's testimony of the events that night are shaky.

# Dirty Talk

Anita F. Hill, University of Oklahoma law professor, made sexual harassment charges against Supreme Court justice-designate Clarence Thomas.

Thomas, a Yale Law School graduate, employed Anita Hill as his personal secretary in the 1980's. When Thomas went from one job to another, Hill followed him. She did not make her accusations public until years after Thomas alledgedly sexually harassed her.

The courts define sexual harassment as the creation of a hostile work environment that demeans or demoralizes someone on the basis of gender. Evidence and testimony to Thomas' integrity was insufficient. The guilt of the accused was not proved because of the lack of reasonable doubt. Jurors sided with Thomas; Hill lost the case.

Even though the Judiciary Committee delayed their decision during the hearings, Thomas was still voted onto the Supreme Court.

# Chaos in Russia

Russian Republic president Boris Yeltsin, once a liberator, became a bossy dictator after winning the Soviet coup in late August. Yeltsin told supporters that he might bring back an old symbol of imperial Russian power: the two-headed eagle that used to appear on the czarist flag. He seemed ready to remake the union in Russia's image. One week later, his wishes came true. In the first week of September, the Soviet Union was in a dangerous state of crackup. The Soviet Union had become weak and so chaotic that it was in desperate need of a strong leader. Many foreign nations had already recognized Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania as independent countries. Since the other republics could not stand alone, they all came together to form one whole, new nation.

Since Russia was the largest state by far in the Soviet Union, it became the head of the new Soviet Commonwealth, with Boris Yeltsin as the leader. Yeltsin said that he wants all of the states to be equal and to practice self-government. He also negotiated interim economic and military pacts with the Ukraine and Kazakhstan. Along with Communism, former head of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev, was also removed.

# FLASH BACK

During the Course of the year we said goodbye to:

People

- Sam Kinison (comedian)
- Doctor Seuss (children's book writer)
- Freddy Mercury (lead singer for Queen
- Eric Carr (drummer for KISS)
- Stevie Ray Vaughn (Blues Guitarist)

Television shows

- Cosby Show
- Growing Pains
- Night Court
- Who's the Boss
- MacGyver

# Honestly
## friends, fun, & frills

What things came to mind when Turnabout was mentioned? Junior Regina Steapleton said,"Having fun with your friends, people being dressed up, nervouseness mixed with excitement, and special memories with your boyfriend."

After figuring out who to ask, there's much more to take into consideration. Senior Denise DeBoer said,"I was concerned about buying a dress, what color should it be, what kind of jewelery would look good, and how should I wear my hair."

Junior Alan Sutkowski said," I didn't have to worry about how I wore my hair, but I did have to pick out a suit and tie and order flowers."

> "Despite the lousy DJ, I still had a lot of fun,"said junior Jim Dwyer.

Turnabout was held at the St. George Greek Orthodox Hall in Schererville on February 8. In past years many students perferred DJ's over bands, but this year it was different. Sophomores Lisa Shoulders and Melissa Whitfield said,"Except for playing two songs twice, the music was o.k."

Others disagreed. Senior Mike Moore said,"I didn't like the DJ."

"The only reason I had fun at the dance was because I had a great date, but I had a better time after the dance because a group of rented a limo for the night,"said senior Roger Helfen.

The Turnabout court was Jamie Bell, Natalie Bogielski, Bethany Minnix, Johana Nahod, Gavin Reyome, Brian Hopper, Brian Rodell, John Smith, , and Chad Sutton. The 1992 Prince and Princess were John Smith and Bethany Minnix.

*By Diana Davis and LeeAnn Riese*

Senior Denise DeBoer and her date, junior Alan Sutkowski, both get a cup of punch from the punch fountain.

Junior Paige Jacoby congratulates her boyfriend, sophomore John Smith, in being crowned Prince.

## TEN

Reasons why students disliked Turnabout

- ✓ DJ was rude
- ✓ Requested songs weren't played
- ✓ Not enough room on the dance floor during slow songs
- ✓ No one danced during fast songs
- ✓ Food shortage
- ✓ Not enough punch
- ✓ Pictures took too long
- ✓ Couples Fought
- ✓ No garter ceremony
- ✓ No heat

Senior Brent Messmer and sophomore Tammy Hardacker pick out the hors d'oeuvres that look the best.

Junior Jason Matthews watches senior Jim Bogner dance the latest moves.

Juniors Rachel Luptak and Becky Chandler talked about their plans after Turnabout.

Junior LeeAnn Riese videotaped her friends, senior Ed Halajcsik and junior Regina Steapleton at Turnabout.

Turnabout Court : Jamie Bell, Brian Hopper, Natalie Bogielski, Gavin Reyome, Bethany Minnix, Brian Rodell, Johanna Nahod, John Smith, Natalie Pastar, and Chad Sutton.

# Lock-In
## more than just food

TEN 101

During each school year, February has brought many activities. One of them was the SADD lock-in. Students against drunk driving has organized the lock-in for the last four years. With weeks of planning, everything fell into place on February 13.

S.A.D.D. Vice-President Diana Davis said,"It was hard trying to find places to donate food, but getting it to the school was difficult. I had to drive with a six foot sub sandwich sticking out of my car window."

Upon arriving with a canned good for the Griffith Emergency Fund, a person's name was checked off of the sign up sheet. Then everyone assembled in the auditorium to hear the band Hollow Point, who played a variety of songs. The Lake County Coroner showed slides of drinking and driving accidents and its victims.

> "There was a lot of planning that went into the lock-in, but it was worth it," said junior Ruthii Marvel

Many activities were planned, everything from swimming to dancing. Some people played volleyball, basketball, or even slept in the fieldhouse. S.A.D.D. President Jill Littlefield said,"The DJ's were totally cool and played what the students requested. There was plenty of food and we were able to play whatever games we wanted without having to fight a crowd."

Students who chose to take a permission slip and not show up, took a chance of getting caught, getting grounded, or even worse, having their parents come looking for them. "I really was planning on showing up to the lock-in, but I couldn't quite get there on time, I got a little side tracked,"said junior Jenny Redar.

*By LeeAnn Riese and Diana Davis*
Photos by J. Littlefield

Lock-in Activities..

- ✓ Dancing
- ✓ Volleyball
- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Eating
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ Eating (Again)
- ✓ Gossiping
- ✓ Sleeping

A group of students begin to wind down towards the end of the night by sitting and talking to their

Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores sit together and discuss what activity they should participate in next.

Junior Jen Kuck jumps to hit the volleyball during a friendly game.

Juniors Jason Swart, Andre Jones, Paul Gilbertson, and Jason Young watch to see if Senior Marco Perez makes the shot.

Juniors Joe Gonzales and Ryan Hoover dance to the music at the lock-in.


Senior Jeff O'Brien dove for the volleyball during a game with his friends.

Student Council arranged the bulletin board to announce events in February such as the lock-in and Turnabout.

# spring break

## rain, rain, go away

Spring fever (n) The feelings of languor, rejuvenation, or yearning that may affect people at the advent of spring. This was not the case for some during Griffith's spring break, April 10-21.

Easter Sunday was a time for family get togethers,food, egg coloring, food, church, candy, egg hunts,and food.

School activities were cancelled on account of the rain. Baseball games were rescheduled, track practices were delayed, and softball practices were held inside.

Junior Danielle Dudek said,"Spring break this year was actually pretty boring because of the weather. Most of the games were cancelled and outdoor activities were eliminated from the agenda. Really it seemed like a long weekend giving you time to rest and spend time with friends."

"I worked almost every night, but I managed to go to a Sox game,"said junior Angie Matson.

Besides all the fun, work was included. Going to work for the first time was the case for some.

Junior Angie Matson was hired at the Dairy Queen in Highland. She said,"I worked almost every night, but I managed to take time out for a Sox game. There were a few parties, but over all it was boring."

Some still managed to have time for friends and fun. Junior Jennifer Kuck said,'Over all spring break was ok. I mostly had softball games or practices. The weather was lousy, but there were a few good parties!! The worst thing was it went by to fast."

Senior Barrett Starks said, "I enjoy spending times with my friends and just hanging around. Baseball was also something to do that I really enjoy."

*Story and Photos by LeeAnn Riese*

Seniors Scott Schaller and Barret Starks warm up before their game.

Many students hunt for their Easter baskets on Easter Sunday.

Juniors Sandy Bronson and Lynn Katona wait as the umpire makes a call.

## TEN

Things students did over spring break . . . . . .

- Went to the movies
- Slept
- Worked
- Played in the rain
- Rented Movies
- Colored Easter Eggs
- Family Outings
- Parties
- Shopped
- Watched television

Senior Todd Kosteba Shows senior Rick Burks how he does a reverse lay up.

Junior Angie Matson worked at Dairy Queen over spring break to earn extra money.

Senior Denise Castillo, Juniors Amy Bishop and Shelley Linders watched as the team won the game.

# prom night
## people, places, pictures

What do tanning beds, hair appointments, money, and excitement all have in common? Prom.

Prom was held at the Saints Constantine and Helen Hall on May 1, 1992 in Merrillville. The color theme included teal, fuchsia, royal purple, and pearl. The theme song was "Set the Night to Music." The song was "I'll never let you go," by Steelheart.

Court included, Queen Paige Jacoby, King Nate Miklusak, Mindy Davis, Angie Matson, Shelli Linders, Terri Letts, Ryan Hoover, Alan Sutkowski, Ron Govert, and Scott Sherry.

Junior Whitney Escalante said,"I felt 'Set the Night to Music' was the wrong theme because all the music they played was old, but over all I had a good time."

> "I was very honored to be nominated on Prom Court,"said junior Mindy Davis.

Junior Teresa Ewen said,"Prom was the start of one of the most memorable weekends of my life, but many parts could have been better."

Many Prom-goers felt the high point of the night was the food and the excellent service. Most said Prom was better than Turnabout, a few ways were suggested on how to have a great time at Prom. Junior Jerry Farrar said,"Make sure you and your date are compatible, otherwise forget it!" Some also had comments for the hall. Senior Rick Jerome said,"It was way too hot."

Senior Denise Castillo said,"I think that it was the most fun prom because it was my last and I made it the best I could. Actually it was one big picture taking time, because we all want to remember everyone as they are, since we all won' t see each other as much after this year."

Junior Mindy Davis said," I had more fun this year at prom. The dance floor was big enough to actually dance on. I was also honored to be nominated to court."

Junior Paige Jacoby said,"I had a lot of fun afterwards because I was with all of my friends and away from my parents."

*By LeeAnn Riese and Diana Davis*

Seniors Tiffany Saczawa and Mike Hernandez search for their prom ticket to get into the hall.

Senior LeeAnna Barber and her date take their picture number from Mr. Carstenen.

Junior Shelli Linders and her date Anthony Reid take advantage of a romantic moment.

## TEN 101

Things to do on Prom weekend. . . . .

Friday

✓Go to Chicago

✓Stay up all night

✓Party

✓Go to the beach

✓Go home

Saturday (Go to.....)

✓Great America

✓Turkey Run

✓The Zoo

✓Baseball games

Sunday

✓Sleep

Junior Joy Planer and her date stand patiently while the photographer poses them.

Juniors Matt Fetch and Scott Sherry discuss their evening plans.

Prom Court: Mindy Davis, Scott Sherry, Paige Jacoby, Alan Sutkowski, Terri Letts, Ryan Hoover, Shelli Linders, Ron Govert, Angie Matson, and Nate Miklusak.

Newly elected Prom King Nate Miklusak and Queen Paige Jacoby pose for a picture.

Senior Russ Dewes takes a nap in the nurses office to avoid going to class.

Senior Laura Dorelli would rather fix her hair than pay attention in class.

Senior Heather Polus tries not to laugh while telling Mrs. Konopasek that she was absent because she was sick.

Senior Marco Perez tries to get a date with Amy Will while he was roaming the halls during class.

# TEN Senioritis
## laziness sets in

Symptoms of Senioritis.....

- Bad grades
- Day-dreaming
- Sick days
- Sleeping in class
- Skip class to go to the beach
- Extended Lunch
- Doodling
- Incom-pleted work
- Going to the Nurse
- Half-Days

Spring usually brings hay fever, sinus colds, wheezing, coughing, and much more. A strange epidemic broke out among the senior class. Some called it boredom others claimed to be suffering from Senioritis. Symptoms include sleeping in, long stares out the window during class lectures, many "sick days" and the list goes on and on. Some students spoke out.

Senior Jim Bogner said,"Senioritis is like AIDS, once you have it you can't get rid of it. I find myself spending more time at home than at school. I've missed more days my senior year than I have in three years. It's a really beautiful experience."

> "Senioritis is like AIDS, once you have it you can't get rid of it,"said senior Jim Bogner.

Senior Gina Vittorio said,"It all started at the beginning of the year. I've missed more days this year and I really don't care about my grades. I just want to pass and get out of here."

Senior Kim Fulkerson said," You get so desperate you can't wait to get out. I don't want to bring any books home or if I do I usually don't do my homework. Some try to think of all the classes they have to pass, and some blow off the rest."

Senior Pat Vrehas said,"For me, Senioritis started in the month of December. That's when I started to wake up at 7:15, take a shower and come to school with my hair wet. Really I'm burned out on high school life and can't wait for college life to begin."

*By LeeAnn Riese and Diana Davis*

Photos by LeeAnn Riese

Senior Donnie Higgins talks on the phone with one of his friends who was too "sick" to come to school

Senior Roger Meeks finds out the disadvantages of day dreaming in class.

# snet sneeves
## translation:pet peeves

When you're sitting in class and the person behind you keeps sniffing due to the spring alergies, does it get on your nerves? Pet peeves come in many shapes and forms.

Junior Katie Mendez said,"I can't stand people when they see Phil and I together and automatically say,'Get a room,' that bugs me so much!"

Senior Kim Fulkerson said,"The worst thing is when people smack their mouth when they chew gum when you're trying to concentrate on a test or quiz."

Junior Jennifer Kuck said,"I hate it when people talk about somone, then talk to them when they're around, like they've been friends all the time."

Senior Steve Mitchuson said,"My worst pet peeve is when I have to clean and dust the house."

Sophomore Dawn Negrite said,"I hate when people think that they're better than someone else because of the amount of money they have or the clothes they wear."

> "I hate when people smack their mouth when they chew gum,"said senior Kim Fulkerson.

Senior Mike Serratore said,"My pet peeve is when people touch my arms because they tease me about how big they are."

"It bugs me when people don't return my phone calls, because I hate wasting my time sitting by the phone waiting for them to call me back," said junior Paul Mitchell.

Senior Mike Hernandez said,"I can't stand when people touch my hair; I spend a lot of time in the morning trying to fix it so it goes the way I want it to."

Junior Tracy Reynolds said," It annoys me when people borrow my clothes and don't return them at all, or return them months later. I just think that it is rude to do that to somebody."

Junior Brad Zabek said,"When certain individuals put a slurring sound in front of every word like: Shli shlidn't shloo shluting. Translation:"I didn't do nothing."

So the next time you think the person sniffing in your ear is annoying, remember: don't touch a person's arms, mess up their hair, borrow their clothes, or slur your words so you don't become an annoying person yourself.

*By LeeAnn Riese and Diana Davis*

Junior Matt Moore confronts Missy Harretos after he heard her talking about him in the hall.

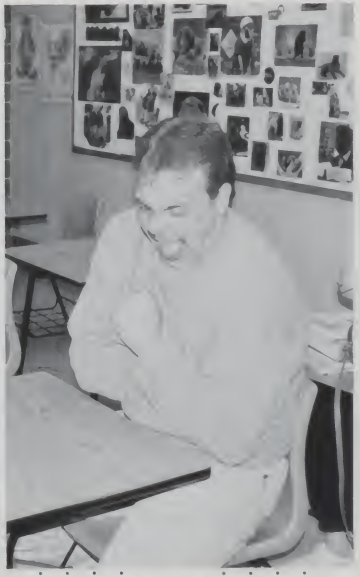
## TEN

Things done to annoy people . . .

- ✓Ask people stupid questions
- ✓Lying to a person
- ✓Staring
- ✓Picking your nose
- ✓Stereotyping
- ✓Chewing with your mouth open
- ✓Talk about others
- ✓Acting arrogant
- ✓Cheating
- ✓Couples making out in the hall

Senior Becky Furman is guilty of a popular pet peeve by chewing with her mouth opened.

Senior Steve Mitchuson often annoyed the Reflector staff by playing with their cropper.



Juniors Jonna Gehring and Sean Tucker display their affection in the hall; this annoys some students.

Senior Jay Hackworth likes to annoy people by making noises with his armpits.

# graduation
## time to celebrate

When some think back to the first years of school, it seems so long ago. Seniors thought of friends, memorable times, and hardships they have overcome.

After studying for long tests, bearing days of boring lectures, and sleepless nights( because of "big" assignments forgotten), it finally came, the long awaited day, GRADUATION!

Commencement was on Friday June 5, 1992. Class colors were teal and silver, with the motto being,"It just doesn't get any better than us."

For some, that day meant freedom, sleeping late, no teachers, no more rules ,and no homework.

"I was both excited and sad to leave high school behind and go away to college. High school is like a security blanket, you can go there and be with friends who care and help you get through the ups and downs of life. But now I must start all over again, make new friends, meet new professors, and of course, learn more. It is hard to leave, but it was time for a change-time to move on to the next cycle of my life,"said Salutatorian Denise Castillo.

> " I can't wait to get out of here!" said senior Steve Melendez.

For some seniors, missing friends, starting work or working full time, going to college, and responsibilities was on their minds.

Senior Jerry Murdock said,"I'm scared of leaving school and having to take up big responsibilities. I now have to go to college and prepare for what I'm going to be doing for the rest of my life."

Valedictorian Kevin Kozuch said,"I can't wait till graduation because all of the 'fun' classes I took will be over. On the other hand, I'll be leaving three weeks after graduation for the Air Force Academy. I know I will miss high school and all of my friends."

The feeling of some seniors was reflected by the class song "It's so hard to say goodbye to yesterday."

*By LeeAnn Riese and Diana Davis*

## TEN 101

Things done on half- days. . . . . .

- ✓ Sleep
- ✓ Party
- ✓ Cookout
- ✓ Relax
- ✓ Be with friends
- ✓ Lay out in the sun
- ✓ Work
- ✓ Go shopping
- ✓ Party some more
- ✓ Play Volleyball

Senior Jennifer Kerr receives a flower after taking her diploma.

Senior Dedra Rutherford, sophomore Dana Navarro, and junior Jasmine Rodriguez played "Instant Concert' along with the band.

After Commencement the graduating class threw their caps into the air to celebrate.

Senior Bill Junkin walks up the stairs to receive his diploma.

Graduate Rick Jerome happily took his diploma from Claude Hochstetler, School Board Assistant Secretary.

The class of 1992 bowed their heads in prayer as Reverend Kilpatrick spoke.

Seniors Gina Vittorio, Pat Vrehas, Derek Wesolowski, and Don Wassermann walk to their seats.

# english switch upsets underclassmen

Blending grammar, composition and literature as well as students from different academic levels will be the plan during the next school year. Some English elective classes will not be available, but rather some will be included within the curriculum of sophomore, junior or senior English.

For example, even though the compclasses aren't offered, comp will be taught as part of the new English classes.

The classes next year will be Senior, Junior, and Sophomore English. The electives available to students are Journalism, Speech, and Grammar.

Junior Leslie Biscan said,"There are not enough electives, therefore we will have to be put in classes that we don't like, and we will be bored."

> "It doesn't give us a variety,"said Lorrainne Barenie

Junior Rob Weldon said,"I think it is a scam just so the school can save a little bit of money."

Junior Lorrainne Barenie said,"I don't like the whole situation. It does not give us enough variety since all of the English classes are combined."

English teacher Mrs. Patricks said,"I feel it does not give a student a big overview, it cheats the student out of different kinds of English and literature that others were exposed to in the past."

"I think that we should be able to have the choice of what English classes we think are going to benefit us the most, instead of just being put into the regular classes again," said junior Linda Wilson.

Junior Kellie Adams said,"I think that putting the English classes together by grades was a good idea because all of the intellectual students will be with others on their own level."

*Story and Photos by LeeAnn Riese and Diana Davis*

English teachers Mrs. Patricks and Mrs. Smith discuss the advantages and disadvantages of combining the English classes.

Junior Jenny Riese asks Mr. Smith what changes were made in the English classes.

## TEN 101

English classes combined.....

✓ Practical English I and II

✓ Beginning Composition

✓Practical Composition

✓Advanced Composition

✓American Novel

✓Contemporary Literature

✓English Novel and Drama

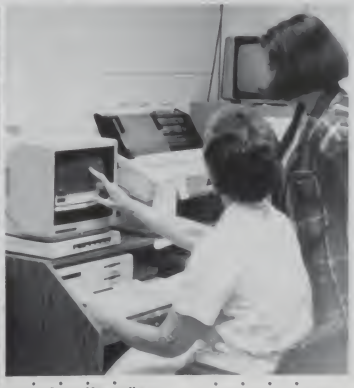
✓General Literature I

✓General Literature II

✓Survey of English Lit

Junior Todd Zabek decides he doesn't like the new English classes, so he throws his English book away.

Junior Jenny Huss talks to Mrs. Surovek about what English class would be appropiate for her to take.



Junior Becky Dunney tries to work with Mrs. Howell to rearrange her schedule to accomodate the new English system.

# why me?
## student slip-ups

The alarm goes off, you get ready for school, and the day starts off okay; but when you get to school you notice that there is a hole in your shorts, you sat in a big wad of gum, and all of your books spilled out all over the floor. What else could be more embarrassing than that?

Senior Jeff Taylor said,"When I was in Mr. M's class, in eighth grade, Mike Toth pulled down my shorts in front of the whole class. It was my most embarrassing moment in school."

Football Coach Les Thornton said,"One day after taking care of some business downtown, I went to look for my car and I could not locate it. I was on my way to report it to the police, and then I realized that I had driven my truck instead. I'm just glad nobody saw me looking for my car."

> "My friends were waiting for me, and I walked through my screen door," junior Jackie Acosta

Senior Adrienne Bogielski said, " One time when Eric and I were out, I went to ask him a question. Instead of calling him by his name, I accidently called him someone else's name. I couldn't believe I did that. It was awful."

"My most embarrassing moment was when I was teaching class for a whole hour and to my surprise a student told me that my zipper had been down the whole hour,"said Business Law teacher Richard Koval.

Junior Matt Moore said,"One time while riding a three wheeler with a bunch of my friends, I hit a bump and went flying through the air in front of everybody. It was pretty embarrassing."

Senior Cindy Knezevich said,"I was working at Dairy Queen, when we couldn't get a sheet cake to fit through the drive-thru window. Needless to say , I had to take the cake outside; the drive-thru happened to be extremely busy that day. I didn't notice the puddle of water and I ran through it with the cake in my hand. I slipped, and almost did the splits. Thankfully, I managed to save the cake."

Be careful, embarrassing moments can happen anywhere at anytime.

*By LeeAnn Riese and Diana Davis*

Photos J. Littlefield

Trying to gross out his friends, junior Dan Pastar pretends to pick his nose.

Sophomore Keela Gootee discovers she brought the wrong book to class.

## TEN

Embarrassing moments. . . . . .

✓ Trip going up the stairs

✓ Getting your pants pulled down

✓ Hit a parked car

✓ Walking into a glass door

✓ Go into the wrong bathroom

✓ Bathing suit top fell off

✓ Caught picking your nose

✓ Caught with your zipper down

✓ Caught in a lie

✓ Called someone the wrong name

Juniors Mindy Davis and Ron Govert tried not to laugh after discovering he had a hole in his pants.

Senior Jeff Ready tried to catch his books as they all fell out of his locker .

Senior Dana Kelderman turns in embarrassment as she was caught daydreaming.

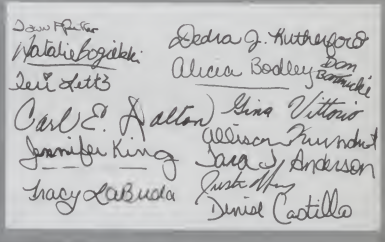
# We got it in. . .

Academics are not just academic teams and good grades. All classes at GHS are considered Academic courses. Some examples of courses available at Griffith are Contemporary Literature, American Novel, Speech, Geometry, Accounting, clothing, band, choir, journalism, and biology.

Students are required to take certain classes, and the rest are electives. After accumulating 44 credits through the various courses, students are able to graduate. In a majority of the cases, the students finish the year with more than enough credits.

Some of the students had a shaky start, but while continuing on, they got it . . . together.

## Academics




Sophomore Jason Swart listens as Mrs. Sandra Beahm lectures about cells during Biology class. Adding beading to a wedding gown, senior Jennifer Romano works in her elective sewing class.

A WALK INTO THE

# Publication Zone

## Uncovering the mystery of the J-room

The ruins were piled on the tables and along the floor. A humming and a blinking flash came out from a madden computer. Was this the Twilight Zone?

No, it was just the Publication Zone.

Both Reflector and Panther Press had class in the J-room. Although they had class at separate times,the competition was still, for some, heated.

"I think we're very much in competition. Their photographers were inexperienced and wanted me to do their work; I didn't have the time," said Reflector Photographer Jill Littlefield.

Even without competition, both Panther Press and Reflector had their own problems. "It was really hard when you had to get three stories in by Friday. And was also hard to do the senior pictures," said Reflector People Editor Paige Jacoby.

"The hardest part for me was concentration; I couldn't work in the J-room," said Reflector Student Life Editor Diana Davis.

Concentration could be a problem in a room cluttered with papers, books, a distracting bulletin board and a crazed computer.

> "The hardest part for me was concentration; I couldn't work in the J-room', said Diana Davis.

"The bulletin board was a montage of photos, useful information, and insults (not in that order)," said Press Copy Editor Chris Fisher.

"The computers went bananas. Diana seemed persistent to destroy everything (especially the computers). It's her magnetic personality," said Reflector Organization Editor Jim Dwyer.

In fact, Diana's magnetic personality was well known by everyone. "One of my jobs was to keep Diana off the computers," said Editor-in-chief Tomisha Joseph.

So, as the ruins are put away for the year and reality comes back into the Publication Zone; what made this year so great? "Freedom! Being able to your do own work when you want as long as it's on time. And being able to relax and have fun with each other," said Press Managing Editor Danielle Dudek.

*-Ruthii Marvel-*

While working on a deadline, the Reflector staff help each other with story ideas.

Panther Press watches as Copy Editor Chris Fisher types her story on the computer.


Chief Photograper Jill Littlefield rinses off her film before printing it.

Reflector Staff: 1st row: Jill Littlefield, Dedra Rutherford, Tomisha Joseph, 2nd row: Miss Marcinek, Amy Hruskocy, Ruthii Marvel, Diana Davis, 3rd row: Paige Jacoby, Jim Dwyer, LeeAnn Riese

Panther Press: 1st row: Larry Atkins, Allison Kundrot, Chris Fisher, Danielle Dudek, 2nd row: Miss Marcinek, Rob Wlazlo Steve Mitchuson, 3rd row: Dan Pastar, Russ Dewes, Tony McCabe, Roger Helfen

COMPETING WITH THE

# Best of the Best

## Learning Along With Accomplishment

Tick. Tick. Tick. Tick. The seconds are counted down- 15, 14, 13,12, 11..... The pressure is on. The team pushes to get the goal. The goal isn't for football or for any other sport; it's for the academic teams. The goal to be the best.

There five different divisions of the academic teams: English, Social Studies, Science, Math and Fine Arts. Each team works on learning people and facts that are related to the subject of the group that they are in. Junior Kim Woodall said," We would get together a couple days a week after school to study and practice things we needed to learn."

The academic teams compete in regionals and then they may go on to state,if they win, like the English teams did.

At the competition each team has three people to help solve the questions. After they are given the question they have fifteen seconds to answer it. Then the judge will look at their answer, if it's right then he'll leave it but if it's wrong he'll mark it out. Junior Chris Wilcox said," I like the academic competitions. It was really great to be able to go down to state and compete there."

> "I learned a lot of different things about artists and musicians that I never knew before," said junior Jenna Lehman.

There were a lot of things the academic teams learned during the year. Junior Jenna Lehman said," I learned a lot of different things about artists and musicians that I never knew before."

Chris Wilcox said,"I learned about famous figures; but I also learned about the sense of accomplishment."

The buzzer rings. Time is up. But not for the academic teams. Through hard work and dedication they have gained knowledge of facts, team work, and pride.

*By Ruthii Marvel*

*(Photos by Jill Littlefield)*

Juniors Jenna Lehman, Jenny Huss, Lindsey Friend, Kim Woodall and Kelley Gall are all involved in the academic teams.

Mrs. Surovek helps Jenny Huss whose studying for an academic competition.

Junior Jenna Lehman studies different facts she needs to learn for her academic team.

Mrs. Deleget and senior Kevin Kozuch look through math books for the Math team.

Seniors Drew Michaels and Jeff Ready get help from Mr. Besch for the Science team.

BREAKING THE

# Language Barrier

## A New Look At Foreign Tongues

Hello! Hola! Bonjour! For many students at least two of these greetings are familiar, since some students go beyond the required eight credits of English and take a foreign language.

Contemporary Literature, Journalism, Speech, and American Novel are just some examples of English classes available. Spanish and French are the choices for foreign languages.

Although English has its ups and downs, foreign languages propose a problem for students. "American foreign language students have to learn four basic skills all over again: speaking, reading, writing, and comprehension,"said Spanish teacher, Mr. Ray Weaver.

Even though some students faced problems, they weren't all the same. Junior Melissa Busovsky said,"The prononciation was really hard because it's so different from what I'm used to."

Sophomore Marilyn Bragg said,"The hardest part in Spanish was conjugating verbs."

While American students have problems with foreign languages, foreign students face problems of their own. Foreign exchange student, senior Bruno Carne, from Belgium, said,"The hardest part for me is to make (the) difference between slang and good English. I understand slang; it's just that I don't know whether what I'm learning is slang or not."

> "The hardest part for me is to make the difference between slang and good english," said foreign exchange student Bruno Carre.

On the other hand, sophomore Assma Issa, from Kwuait, said,"Literature and stories are the hardest for me. I know so little English it's hard to understand."

What makes English so hard for foreign students? Mrs. Kay Orzechowicz said,"Our language is derived from so many other languages, that it confuses a foreign student."

So if you find yourself struggling through English or a foreign language, remember that foreign students will be struggling too.

*-Ruthii Marvel-*

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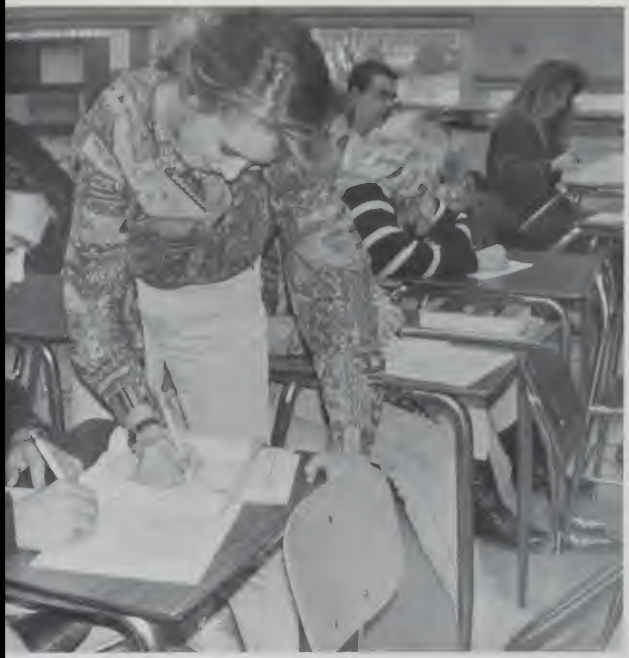
Mrs. Patricks watches as Junior Sam Murrian begins to write out her answer for the next sentence.

Junior Jason Swinson finishes his pinata for Spanish. When he's done, it'll be a donkey.



Junior LoraLee Kilgore leans over to explain the day's homework to junior Joe Gonzalez.

Mrs. Orzechowicz goes through the homework answers in her Basic English class.

Barrett Starks, senior, reads his science-fiction book in Contemporary Literature. Science-fiction was just one type of literature studied.

Miss Weber looks over senior Bruno Carre's paper for mistakes.

CUTTING INTO THE

# Basics of Science

## Frogs,Springs,Unknowns and Light

The razor sharp scalpel cuts into the fleshy skin. Skinless frogs are piled up in a corner. Unknown chemicals burn over a flame. Is this an scene from the latest horror film? No; this is science.

Although, the only science class required is Biology 1-2, many students go further on to take Chemistry, Biology 3-4, and Physics. "I thought that I wanted to go into Pre-med to become a pediatrician; and even if I don't do that I know that I want to do something in the medical field," said Kelley Gall, junior in Biology 3-4.

Many activities went on in each science class. In Biology 1-2 students did individual labs and dissected worms. "I liked dissecting worms because I found out things about my body that I didn't know," said junior Troy Brodie.

Chemistry students learned different elements and their properties. They also learned how to identify certain elements. "In chemistry we did unknowns where we worked individually to try to determine what ions were in a substance by performing a flame test, ammonia test, and precipitation test," said junior Rachael Luptak.

> "I liked dissecting worms because I found out things about my body that I didn't know," said junior Troy Brodie.

In Biology 3-4 students dissected fetal pigs to learn and relate the systems of the pig to that of a human. "I liked dissecting the fetal pig because it was really interesting. I learned about how different systems of the body work," said junior Jenna Lehmann.

In Physics students learn about the physical aspects of things such as, light and sound.

As the curtain closed on the high school "horror show", students gain valuable skills and knowledge in the science field.

*By Ruthii Marvel*

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Students in Biology 1-2 listen to the teacher during a lecture about Glycosis.

Junior Danielle Dudek carefully mixes together chemicals during her unknown test for Chemistry.

Senior Neil Miklusak and junior Anita Garnett cut away a flap of skin on the fetal pig to expose the salivary glands.

Senior Kirsten Anderson observes the spring in order to determine whether light is a particle or a wave.

Senior Russ Fliter observes the actions produced by the wave machine the Physics students made.

LOOKING BACK

# Into History

## Students Learn About Their Past

If history repeats itself, are students learning the future along with the past?

Each year students are required to take a Social Studies class- sophomores, World History; juniors, U.S. History; and seniors, Government and Economics. Students may also take Current Events as an elective.

History is mostly taught out of a book; but it doesn't always have to be a straight text book class. Some teachers go beyond the book to teach students a lesson. "The experience I will never forget is being George Bush in Current Events for the reenactmant of the Mid-East Peace Conference," said junior Paul Gilbertson.

In U.S. History Mr. Bill Vargo let his students plan a colony on a make-believe planet; including the government, housing, and laws. "It was really interesting to try to organize a colony. We learned that there's a lot that goes into it and it isn't as easy as it seems," said Junior Lorrainne Barenie.

In Government, a speaker came in to talk about the candidates for the 1992 Presidental Election. And Mr. Thornton's class did a book report every nine weeks. "We did book reports to help us further learn about our American heritage. They had to be about something that happened in U.S. history ,like, World War I," said Junior Chris Wilcox.

> "The experience I will never forget is being George Bush in Current Events for the reenactment of the Mid-East Peace Conference," said junior Paul Gilbertson.

For some students their Social Studies class isn't so fun because of difficulties. "Some points in history were interesting, but for the most part it's really boring," said senior Jason Young.

Junior Michele Higgins said," I didn't like history because I can't find it interesting to learn about things that happened a couple hundred years ago".

As another chapter in history comes to a close, students may wonder what if other students years from now will be learning about what they have already lived through; and if they'll be living what they've already learned.

*By Ruthii Marvel*

*(Photos by Jill Littlefield)*

Sophomore Candy Loudenber tries to concentrate on what she is reading in her World history book.

Junior Paul Gilbertson portrayed President George Bush in a mock Mid-East Peace Conference in his Current Events class, while teacher Bob Hastings listens.

Seniors Rich Jerome, Jeff Taylor, and Scott Trubich are representatives from Egypt at the mock Peace Cnference.

A government speaker talked to students about presidential election candidates for 1992.

Seniors gathered in the AV room to take an examination for a chance at a history scholarship.

TAKING A LOOK AT

# Math Classes

## Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry

Little Johnny had twenty apples. He gave four apples to Julie and he gave six apples to Tommy. How many apples does Johnny have left?

No, math is no longer as easy as 1 apple +1 apple = 2 apples; now there is also ratios, square roots of, and some complex equations.

A student is required to take two years math in high school. Some students may go on to take more classes. Some of these classes are Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Analytical Geometry.

Senior Candie Hall, who was in Analytical Geometry, said, "I took the class because I liked the challenge of the problems and the work."

Many math skills are needed for certain types of careers like those in the medical field, biology field, and engineering. Some colleges require a student to take at least up to Algebra II before letting them enter.

Although, math is a class that students are required to take, it doesn't mean that everyone enjoys it. "I don't like math, especially Geometry. I think it's really hard to do the proofs on the test," said junior Carrie Heusing.

> "I took the class (Analytical Geometry) because I liked the challenge of the problems and the work," said senior Candie Hall.

Junior Rachael Luptak said,"There are some things that are really hard to understand ; and that's the part I don't like."

While some students dislike things about math there are other students who enjoys it. "I like to work in a class where there's competition and you have to work hard to do well," said Candie Hall.

Even though, the apples are all gone, many students have pick up valuable skills in math

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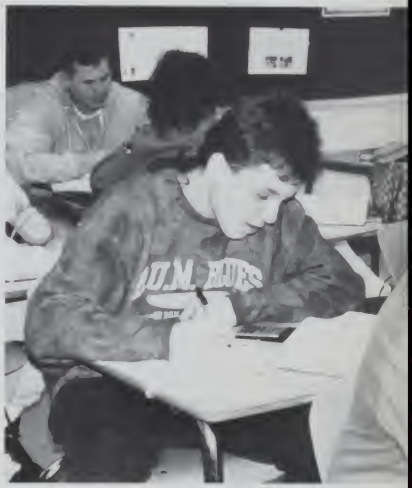
Mrs. Deleget teaches her class how to measure angles and determing cord lengths.



Junior Phil Isaily works during Algebra to finish his homework for the next day.

Mrs. Carstensen helps Shannon Bopp with her homework in the hall between classes.

Junior Tony McCabe works on a division problem at the board in Consumer Math.

Sophomore Jamie Benson uses her calculator to work on problems in her class.

FOLLOWING THE

# Pursuit of Art

## A Use of Skill and Knowledge

*Art: noun; a pursuit followed as an occupation or means of livelihood and requiring technical knowledge and skill*

Skill. Knowledge. Livelihood. These are all words that describe what art is. To some students art can mean other things. Senior Heather Polus said,"We learn how to carve things. Making jewelry is an art that lets you use your imagination."

There were many different art classes available to the student body., Some of those included Sculpture, Ceramics, and Drawing and Painting. Each offers the student different aspects of art. Senior Marco Perez said,"I have learned that ceramics is an art that takes a lot of time to get good at."

Junior John Hilgeman said,"I learned all the technical procedures of painting and drawing."

Art classes provide a break from the ordinary text book class, letting the student use his or her own imagination to create an artwork. Whether that artwork is a sculpture, a piece of jewelry, or a painting, for some students it's still a masterpiece. Senior Troy Bowie said,"My favorite class was pottery which I was in Independent Research for. All hour I got to throw pots."

Junior Jenny Reder said," The best thing I did last year was this really colorful bird I drew with colored pencils and a pencil drawing of a nude guy."

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According to Mr. Witt, the art teacher, art classes are to provide the student with a "basic appreciation for art and a understanding for the art processes."

People can express themselves in different ways. Art , for some students is their form of expression. Junior John Hilgeman said,"I enjoy doing abstract paintings as a form of expression."

What is art? Art isn't just words like skill, knowledge, and livelihood that the dictionary defines it as; it's also what the student wants to make it.

Junior Teresa Ewen puts her unfinished ring into the flame to make it bendable.

Mr. Witt gives a demonstration to his jewelry making class.


Senior Troy Bowie and junior John Novath make balls out of clay to later be made into beads for a necklace.

Senior Eric Schreiber uses markers and colored pencils to draw a picture.

Junior Troy Brodie watches as Mr. Witt shows how to form the beads to make a necklace.

PREPARING FOR

# Life After School

## Sewing, Career and Adult Prep.

During the course of life many skills are needed; and through such classes as Career Preparation, Preparation for Adult Living and Clothing and Sewing, some of these skills can be acquired.

Mr. Richard Reyome said," In Career Preparation ,hopefully, students will realize the job opportunities and how to go about obtaining them through resumes and planning."

Jenny Reder ,junior, said,"We learned what careers were the best for each person."

Preparation for Adult Living prepares students for life after school. Some topics discussed in this class were child abuse, incest and family responsibilities. "In Adult Prep I learned how to iron; and we had show and tell where you brought in something that meant a lot to you; but the toughest part was when we saw how hard disabled people have it," said senior Marco Perez.

Senior Tracy LaBuda said,"I think the best thing we did was when we were disabled. We learned about their struggles, like getting through a door in a wheel chair."

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Clothing and Sewing classes taught the students such skills as sewing hems and pleats. Margaret Pachowicz said,"We learned how to make clothes to save money. My favorite thing I made was a skirt and a matching jacket."

Through these classes students not only learned some basic skills for the future, but they also learned more about themselves. Junior Lynnette Carter said,"In Career Prep I learn a lot , but I also learned more about myself too. The class showed me my strong points and even some of my weak ones."

*By Ruthii Marvel*

*(Photos by Jill Littlefield)*

In Preparation for Adult Living students get to experience what it's like to be disabled first hand.

Students in Child Development "gave birth" to a baby bottle to learn about caring for an infant.

Seniors Noel Grudzien and Tracy LaBuda bring in someone special to talk about at Show and Tell.

SeniorMarco Perez iron a shirt for Preparation for Adult Living.

Senior Jen Romano sews together a hem in Clothing and Sewing class. This is just one thing learned in the class.

BUILDING SKILLS IN

# Business and I.T.E.

## A Preparation for the Future

What type of class would student take if he or she wanted to pursue a career in accounting or as a secretary? Or how about a career in mechanics? I.T.E. and Business classes can help a student gain experience in these different fields for future use.

Some I.T.E. classes students could take are Energy, Transportation, and Power Mechanics.

Junior Troy Brodie said," In the class I was in we learned hoe to build and design environments. We also learned how domes and stadiums were built. And we learned how to figure out how much area was needed to remake a city."

In the Energy class they make a miniature version of a small coal mine to look at solar energy, fossil fuel, and conservation of energy.

Transportation class looks at the different types of transportation in the air, land, and pipe-line areas.

Power Mechanics deals with computers and cars. The student will learn about different things about cars, and how to reassemble and disassemble a small engine. Junior Ron Price said," My favorite thing we did in that class was rebuilding a four cylinder engine and learning about the different systems and parts of the car."

> "In Keyboarding I learned every key and how to type properly. I also learned how to type business letters and term papers," said Junior Ron Price.

Some business classes available to the students are Keyboarding, Word Processing, Accounting, and Record Keeping.

These classes not only give the student a lift on their career but it also helps students prepare for college by learning typing and bookkeeping skills.

Ron Price said,"In Keyboarding I learned every key and how to type properly. I also learned how to type business letters and term papers."

No matter what reason students decide to take these classes for they will learn important skills.

*By Ruthii Marvel*

*(Photos by Jill Littlefield)*

Junior Michelle Higgins types her research paper in Keyboarding.

One project in I.T.E. is putting together half miniature models of different things.

Eric Yoways works on a ditto for his accounting class.

Senior Donnie Higgins cuts a piece of wood with a powersaw in I.T.E

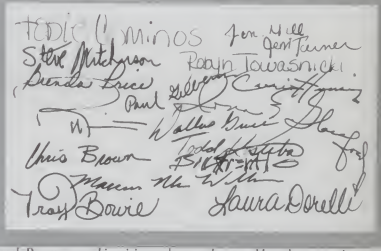
In Keyboarding, students take practice tests to see how fast they can type, learn to type business letters and how to type term papers.

# We got it in . . .

In every school there are seniors, juniors, sophomores, and faculty. Without these four factors there would be no such thing as "school." There are many different groups, cliques, and clubs for people to be involved in at Griffith. All these people worked together to promote school spirit in sports, academics, and organizations.

During the course of the year, classes separate to work on projects such as float building, cheering contests during pep-rallies, and for the different events on activities night. But after all the competition ends and the groups reunite, they help each other to make it . . . together.

# *People*




Left: Coach Reyome waves his spirit towel to get the crowd hyped up to motivate the team to play off victory. Right: The supportive fans in the stands show their spirit by clapping their hands.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English teacher Gerry Spejewski shows his class the finer points of the English language.

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**Mr. Howard Besch**, Physics, Chemistry, Department Chairperson; **Mr. Bill Birk**, Economics; **Mrs. Sue Brown**, Senior High Secretary; **Mr. Darryl Carstensen,** Geometry, Junior Class Sponsor, Girls Basketball Coach; **Mrs. Teresa Carstensen**, Algebra II, Junior Class Sponsor

# We can do it too

They awaken with the sun to do their duty for mankind. Consuming their last cup of hot coffee, they are off to work to endure hardships unbeknown to the average worker. They deal with such remarkable phenomenons as airborne books and the incredible disappearing homework. They must teach that boy who seems to always catch every illness from the orient and the girl who always has the Elizabeth Arden makeup center on her desk. These people are our teachers. What keeps these brave men and women going? Why did they choose these jobs?

For English teacher Kay Orechowicz, the urge to give others knowledge came early in life. "In sixth grade I had a teacher who made learning fun and this turned me on to education."

Reasons for wanting to lead others differ from teacher to teacher. For some it is the enjoyment of being able to affect successful lives. For others, it is being able to lead and work with different people. Art teacher Robert Witt, had a similar reason for teaching,"I like working with young people."

The top five things that motivate teachers:

1. Good grades
2. Class participation
3. Enthusiastic students
4. Quality work
5. Completed homework

Motivation to start teaching and the motivation derived to continue teaching when conditions are not favorable are two different things. "Anyone can have an off day," said French teacher Betty Weber, "Sometimes kids who appear to be unenthused can still get something positive out of a class."

Besides the negative things, the teachers also benefit from the teaching experience. History teacher Les Thorton believed that some benefits were associating with young people and involvement with intellectual life.

"What I like most about teaching is the people you meet and work with, including students, colleagues and the entire community," said Mrs. Carstensen.

With the preparing of classes, grading of papers, and tolerating of students, teachers need plenty of energy everyday. Whether the energy is derived from wanting to lead people or to be able to see the progress people make with help, it may all require equal amounts of motivation. If the urge came from early in life or later in life, one thing is certain, teachers need plenty of energy everyday.

*By Paige Jacoby*

**Mr. Carl Dalton**, Sociology, Psychology, U.S. History, Department Chairperson; **Mrs. Martha Davis**, Chemistry, Basic Biology, Pantherette Sponsor; **Mrs. Barbara Deleget**, Essentials of Math, Computer Proramming; **Mr. Ronald Divjak**, Health, Substance Abuse, Basketball Coach; **Mrs. Susie El Naggar**, Calculus, Essentials of Math, Analytical Geometry, Trigonometry

**Miss Charlotte Fedorchak**, Spanish; **Mr. Tim Foss**, Computer Literacy, Computer Applications; **Mrs. Iona Glassford**, Child Development; **Mr. Joe Glassford**, Energy System, Power Mechanics, Transportations; Mrs. Jackie Hansen

**Mr. Robert Hastings**, World History, U.S. History, Current Events, Boys J.V. Basketball Coach; **Mrs. Lawrene Hawthorne**, Media Specialist; **Mrs. Lynn Heller**, Guidance Counselor; **Mrs. Jean Herd**, Library Assistant;

French teacher Miss Betty Weber shows off her get-up for costume day.

**Mrs. Janet Howell**, Guidance Counselor;**Mrs. Margie Keithley**,Clothing,Adult Prep **Mr. John King**, Band Instructor; **Mrs. Janet Konopasek**, Attendance Supervisor; **Mr. DickKoval**, Accounting, Record Keeping, Business Department Chairperson;

**Miss Julie Marcinek**, Journalism, *Reflector*, *Panther Press*, Quill and Scroll Sponcer; Cheerleading Sponsor; **Mrs. Nicole Mikluszak**, Nurse; **Mrs. Kay Orzechowicz**, Basic English, English, Beginning Composition, Practical English; **Mr. Larry Owen**, World History, Basic World History; **Mr. Larry Parker**, Electronic Communications, Mass Communications;

**Mrs. Susan Patricks**, English, Beginning Composition, Survey of English Literature, Practical Composition; **Mrs. Kyra Perry**, Office Procedures, Word Processing; **Mrs. Brenda Price**, Gudance Secretary; **Mr. Wayne Price**, Word Processing, Keyboarding

# Teachers step out of character

It's football time. Every student in the school does his or her share to cheer the team onward to victory. Each organization and club puts in their efforts to make sure the team knows they are behind them. The locker buddies decorate the lockers, the cheerleaders make signs and routines, but what about the teachers?

Walking down the halls of Griffith High school during spirt week, one saw plenty of participating students as well as teachers. What are the teachers trying to accomplish by this? "I think a certain camaraderie develops between teachers and students when they both get fired-up about the same thing," said Mrs. Sharon Smith.

Mr. Richard Reyome said,"If you expect the students to, then the teacher should set the example, but that's up to each individual teacher."

Mrs. Margie Keithy had a similar idea,"It is lots of fun! It can't help but reflect onto the students and helps students see us in a different light."

Mr. Les Thorton said,"Yes, teacher spirit is a positive thing because it's good for motivation and mental health."

Helping to cheer on all of the Griffith teams may be very important, but overlooking the very reason students are in school in the first place could be tragic. Receiving an education is the reason students attend school in the first place. Many students become very involved in extra-curricular activities. Does this mean that teachers should make room for such things? Should the emphasis be placed on the education or the spirit? "My number one priority at school is the education of students, "said Mr. Darryl Carstensen, "I do not feel that any extra-curricular activity, no matter how popular with the general public, should be regarded as non important than the education of our youth."

> The top five things teachers dressed as:
>
> 1. Red Riding Hood
> 2. Sherry Bragg
> 3. Bum
> 4. Clown
> 5. Baby

Mr. Richard Reyome also added, "That's what we're here for; teams are only an extension to the educational plan."

Mrs. Sharon Smith also said,"As much as I understand the importance of spirit for its freshness and revitalizing qualities, I think education is more important. Without a solid educational background, without knowledge and strength of character, our spirit celebrations would have no meaning."

Having spirit can motivate the entire school especially if a leader like a teacher, shows it. In the end, one thing seemed to be clear, education comes before teams but it's fun helping cheering our teams on.

*By Paige Jacoby*

**Mr. Donald Ray**, Government, U.S. History; **Mr. Richard Reyome**, Career Prep., ICE, DECA, Football Asst.; **Mr. Charles Ricks**, Drawing, Painting, Art appreciation; **Mrs. Sharon Smith**, English novel, Basic English, American novel; **Mrs. Cynthia Spejewski**, Girls chorus, Concert Choir, Chorale, Music Appreciation, Music Theory

**Mr. Gerry Spejewski**, Grammar Speech, General Literature; **Mrs. Judy Surovek**, Contemporary Literature, Advanced Sophomore English, English; **Mr. Les Thornton**, Basic History, U.S. History, Football Coach; **Mrs.** Julie Turner, Senior High Office Secretary; Mrs. Sheila Vaclavik, Beginning Composition, English, Basic English

**Mrs. Nancy Weaver**,AV Secretary; **Mr. Ray Weaver**, Spanish, AV Coordinator;**Miss Betty Weber**, French, Department Chairperson; **Mr. Robert Witt**, Ceramics, Jewelry, Printmaking

**Kirsten Anna Anderson** Band 10-12 (VP 12), Executive Council 10-12, National Honor Society 10-12, Bowling Club 11,12 (Sec. 12) Girls State Alternate, Superbowl 11, Decathalon 12; **Tara Janell Anderson; Larry Warren Atkins** Swimming 10-12, Tennis 12, Baseball 10, Dramatics 10, National Honor Society 11-12, Panther Press (Associate Editor 12), Journalism Convention 12; **Lee Anna Barber** Booster Club 12, DECA 11,12, Pantherettes 12

**Buffy N. Bell,** Booster CLub 10-12, DECA 11,12 (Second Regional 11,12) **Alicia Marie Bodley,** Band 10-12; **Michelle Renee Bodley,** Track 10,11, Band 10-12 DECA 11, Track Manager 10-11; **Adrienne Jean Bogielski,** DECA 11,12 Track 10-11, Cross Country 10, Booster Club 10-12, COncert Choir 11, Girls Choir 10, Chorale 12, Varsity Club 10-12, Pantherettes 11, 12, Homecoming Candidate 12

**Jim Bogner; Troy Bowie; Jessica Denise Boylan,** Concert Choir 11, Girls Chorus 10, Bowling Club 10; **Tamara Boyle**

**Brandy Renee Braddam,** DECA; **Sherry J. Bragg,** Band10,11, Pantherettes 11, **Jacob Patrick Bratton; Edward Carl Bukowski**

# Seniors name best of class

Each year the senior class chooses its superlative members. This year's winners are as follows:

Best Artists-
LeeAnna Barber and Todd Kosteba

Most Musically Inclined-
Kirsten Anderson and Scott Trubich

Most Unique-
Sherry Bragg and Troy Bowie

Most Likely to Succeed-
Denise Castillo and Kevin Kozuch

Foreign exchange student, senior Bruno Carre from Belgium, was voted the friendliest boy in the class of 1992.

Most Involved-
Denise Castillo and Scott Leslie

Most School Spirit-
Rhonda Myers and Mike Toth

Class Flirts-
Jenny Clark and Jim Bogner
Smartest-
Rebecca Wisinski and Kevin Kozuch

Biggest Brown Noses-
Denise DeBoer and Jim Lattin

Prettiest Hair-
Susan Carter and Brian Saberniak

Prettiest Smile-
Korey Hrdina and Rick Jerome

Prettiest Eyes-
Jenny Kerr and Roger Helfen

Cutest-
Korey Hrdina and Russ Dewes

Biggest Partiers-
Buffy Bell and Rick Burks

Cutest Couple-
Jen Cebulski and Donnie Higgins

Funniest-
Stephanie Kirk and Mike Garvey

Friendliest-
Amy Will and Bruno Carre

Best Personalities-
Julie Ellison and Neil Miklusak

Rowdiest-
Angie Skaggs and Donnie Higgins

Cutest Laugh-
Tara Anderson and Scott Leslie

Best Bodies-
Jenny Cebulsi and Todd Leslie

Best Dancers-
Aimee Enoksen and Mike Hernandez

Biggest Gossips-
Adrienne Bogielski and Greg Uhter

Best Dressed-
Stacie Carrell and Chris Moriarty

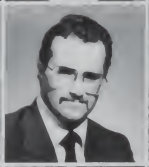
Best Athletes-
Kim Fulkerson and Neil Miklusak

Best Legs-
Denise Thompson and Eric Schreiber

Most Trusting-
Amy Will and Bill Junkin









**Richard David Burks,** Football 11,12 (All Conf. 12, 1st team All Area 12, HM All State 12), Track 11 (Capt. 12), Booster Club 11,12, DECA 11,12, Barsity CLub 11,12, Prom Candidate 11, Homecoming Candidate 12; **Brent C. Butler**, Swimming 10,11 (capt. 12); **Bruno Carre,** Track 12, Tennis 12; **Stacie Lyn Carrell,** Booster Club 11,12, DECA 11,12, Executive Council 11

**Susan Carter; Troy Edward Castile; Denise C. Castillo,** Basketball 10, Volleyball 10, Softball 10-12, Cheerleader 11-12 (Capt. 11), Concert Choir (Pres. 11), Girls Chorus (VP 10), Chorale (VP 12), National Honor Society 10-12 (Hist. 11, VP 12), Varsity Club 12, Student Council 10-12 (Pres. 12), Class Pres. 10,11, Class Sec. 12, Turnabout Candidate 10, Homecoming Candidate 12, Girls State 12, Hugh O'Brien Leadership Award 10, Union Carbide Seminar 11, Young Leasers Seminar 12, Spell Bowl 10-12, Super Bowl, 10, Decathalon 12; **Jenni Faye Cebulski,** Track 10, Booster Club 10-12, Cheerleader 10, Concert Choir 11, Girls Choir 10, Girls Ensemble 10, DECA 11-12 (sec. 12) Executive Council 11-12, Varsity Club 10-12, Pantherettes 11-12 (Sec. 12), Turnabout Candidate 10, Prom Candidate 11, Homecoming Candidate 12

**Jennifer Lynn Clark,** Booster Club 10-12, Concert Choir 11, Girls Choir 10, Girls Ensemble 10, DECA 11,12, Pantherettes 11-12 (Hist. 12); **Christie Craft; Kim Daugherty,** DECA 11,12; **Diana M. Davis,** Booster Club 10-12, Quill and Scroll 11-12 (Pres 12), Pantherettes 11,12, Reflector (Student Life Editor, Photographer, Copy Editor), SADD 11,12 (VP 12), Girls State Alternate

**Denise Louise DeBoer,** Cheerleader 10-12 (Capt 10,12), Concert Choir 11 (Sec), Girls Choir (VP), Chorale (Pres. 12), Girls Ensemble 10, DECA 12, Dramatics 10-12, Executive Council 10, VP 11, Student Council 11, 12 (Sec 12), Turnabout Candidate, Prom Candidate: **Russell William Dewes,** Football 10-12 (All Con. HM, MostImp.12) Soccer 10-12 (Capt. 12) Varsity Club 11, 12, Panther Press Advertising Editor 12, Turnabout Candidate, Homecoming Candidate: **Holly Kaye DeYoung; Tabitha Lynn Dishman,** Booster Club 10, DECA 11

# Class reminisces during banquet

"I really enjoyed the banquet because all of the speeches were good especially Neil Miklusak's. It was funny and sentimental," said senior Kellie Swienconek about the annual senior banquet.

Scherwood Club hosted the event on Thursday, April 30 for over 100 seniors and guests.

Festivities got started when class president Scott Leslie introduced Elaine Healy who gave the invocation.

After dinner, valedictorian Kevin Kozuch spoke aobut the class' sophomore year. His speech covered everything from the release of Aerosmith's new album "Pump" to Tricia Roye winning Turnabout Princess.

Following Kozuch was class vice president Neil Miklusak who gave the recap of junior year. His topics ranged from big news events to his football memories.

The last of the speeches was given by Rebecca Wisinski, who covered senior history. She spoke about the football team and the night pep rally to the black cow grazing on the football field after Activities Night. One of the jokes mentioned in all three speeches was that at the end of the year, the cutest couple, Donnie Higgins and Jenni Cebulski, was still together.

Following the speeches the senior superlatives were announced by Scott Leslie and Denise Castillo. Those are listed on page 69.

"I thought that the banquet was a blast. The highlight of the night was when Neil said 'Let Gavit Have It' (the cheer used during football Sectionals in 1990 when the Panthers beat Gavit)," said senior Rick Jerome.

**By Panther Press Copy Editor Rob Wlazlo**

Homecoming is a highlight of senior year. Queen Tricia Roye expresses emotion after being crowned.

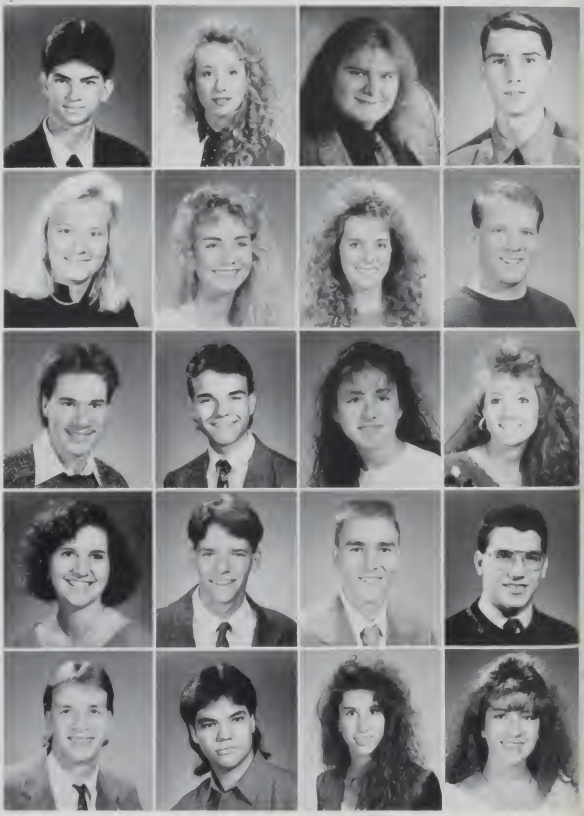
**Oliver Doppler**, Concert Choir 10,11, Chorale 12;; **Laura Dorelli; Frank Dunlap; James L. Dutcher,** Swimming 12, Baseball 10, Concert Choir, 10, Chorale 11-12 (Sec. 12), Bowling Club 10

**Stacy DeAnne Dutkiewicz** Track 10;**Julie A. Ellison**, Track 10, Volleyball 10-12, Booster Club 10, DECA 10, National Honor Society 10-11, Varsity Club 12; **Aimee J. Enoksen,** Softball 10-12 (All Conf. 11,12, Most Imp. 11, HM 11,12) Booster Club 10-12, Cheerleader 11, DECA 11,12, Executive Council 10,11, Varsity Club 10-12, Student Council 10,11, ICE 10-12, **Michael William Farley,** Basketball Manager 10, Concert Choir 10,11, Dramatics 10-12, Student Council 10-12

**David Finch;Russell Charles Fliter,** track 10-12, Cross Country 10-12 (Most Imp.) Swimming 12, Boys State; **Lisa Michelle Fonseca** Football manager, Booster Club 10-12, Varsity Club 10-12; **Kimberly Faith Fulkerson** Basketball 10-12 (Capt. 12), Bolleyball 10-12 (Capt 12), Softball 10-12, Band 10,11, Booster Club 10,11, DECA 12, Varsity Club 10-12, Basketball, Softball, Volleyball All Conference

**Rebecca Lynn Furman,** Girls Chorus 11, Chorale 12, National Honor Society 11,12 (Hist. 12), Super Bowl 10,11, Spell Bowl 11,12, SADD 11; **Bryan Michael Galocy,** Wrestling 10-12, Tennis 10,11, Prom King; **Michael E. Garvey**, Soccer 10-12; DECA 12 (1st in District , HM State 12); **Douglas E. Gillespie,** Golf 11,12, Cross Country 10-12, Swimming 10-12, Bowling Club 11

**Scott Goddard; Jason Jonathin Grcevich**: **Noel Marie Grudzien,** Booster Club 10-12, Pantherettes 10-12 (Pres. 12), Student Council 10-12; **Tanya Guca**






**Alan G. Gugala,** Band 10-12; **Jay D. Hackworth;** Football 10-11; **Edward M. Halajcsik,** Basketball 10-12 (Best Mental Attitude 10,11), Soccer 10-12; **Candace S. Hall**, Dramatics 11 (make up),Executive Council 10,11, Student Council 12, Bowling Club 11,12 (VP 12), Class Sec. 10




**Kevin P. Harder,** Soccer 10-12, Football 10; **Andrew Haskins,** Bowling Club 12, Stage Manager 12, Concert Band 10-12, Marching Band 10-12, Pep Band 10-12; **Ron W. Haskins** Band 10-12; **Jennifer Lynn Havlin,** Track 10, Booster Club 10-12, Concert Choir 11, Girls Choir 10, Girls Ensemble 10, DECA 11, Student Council 10-12




**Elaine Dawn Healy,** Booster CLub 12, Executive Council 12, Girls State, Who's Who Among American High School Students, SADD 12, Academic Competitions 11,12; **Roger Alan Helfen,** Basketball 10-12, Golf 11, Varsity Club 11,12, Panther Press 12 (Opinion Editor); **Donnie Frank Higgins,** Football 10-12, Track 10,11, Wrestling 10-12 (Conf. Champ, Sect. Champ, Regional runner up, Semi State qualifier), DECA 12, Prom Candidate, Turnabout Candidate, Homecoming Candidate; **Karen Lynn Hlebasko**




**Christine Lynn Hochstetler,** basketball 10,11, Football manager 11,12, Track 10-12, Booster Club 11,12, Executive Council 11, Varsity Club 11,12, Student Council 11,12; **Korey Renee Hrdina,** Basketball 11, Softball 10-12 (Miss Defense 11), Booster Club 10-12, DECA 11,12 (Treas. 11, VP 12 Regional 2nd, State 2nd), Varsity Club 11,12,Student Council 12, Prom Candidate, Homecoming Candidate;**Kristi Hubbard; Steven Huyck**

**Malinda Jean Imre**, Booster Club 10, DECA 11 12; **Maureen Diane Ison**, Booster Club 11 12, Concert Chior 11, DECA 12,**Richard Alan Jerome**, Football 10-12,, Baseball 11 12, Varsity Club 11 12; **Tomisha Rae Joseph**, Quill and Scroll 11 (Pres.) 12, *Reflector* (People Editor) 11 (Editor in Chief) 12, Most Promising Junior; Most Valuable Staffer;

**Gabrielle Lyn Juhasz**, Track 10 (Capt.) 11 12, Cross Country 10,DECA 11, Varsity Club 10-12,; **Dana Noelle Kelderman**, Band 10-12; **Jennifer Ann Kerr,** Football (Mang.) 10 11, Track 10, Booster Club 10-12, DECA 11 12, Executive Council 12, Varsity Club 10-12, Student Council 11 12, Pantherettes 12, Prom Candidate, Turnabout Candidate,; **Patrick Kiel**;

**Jennifer Lynn King**, Swimming 10, 11 (Capt.) MVP 10 Band 10-12, Booster Club 10 (Sec.) 11 (Pres.) 12, Sweatergirl 10,11 ,12, Executive Council 11, National Honor Society 10-12, Varsity Club 10 11, Girls State Alternate, Decathlon 10 11; **Cindy Lynn Knezevich**, National Honor Society (Sec.) 12, Booster Club 10-12, Student Council 10-12, Pantherettes 10, 11, (Hist.) 12,Squad Leader11,12 Girls State Alternate, ; **Todd Tyler Kosteba**, Basketball 10-12, Golf 12, Varsity Club 11 12; **Kevin David Kozuch**,Soccer 10,11, Swimming 12, Band 10 11,12, (Pres.) , Executive Council 10-12, National Honor Society 10 11,12 (Pres.) Student Council 10 11, 12 (V Pres.) , Junior Class (V Pres.), Sophmore Class (Tres.), Boys State Delegate;

**Allison Kimberly Kundrot**, Quill and Scroll 11 12 (Sec. & Tres.), Student Council 10, *Panther Press* 11 (Copy Editor) 12 (Editor in Chief), **Tracy Ann LaBuda**, Track (Mang.) 10-12, Band 10-12, Booster Club 12,, Varsity Club 10 12, ; **James S. Lattin**, Track 10 11 (Capt.) 12, Cross Country 11 12 (Semi-State qualifier), Concert Choir 10, Chorale 11 (Sec.) 12 (Hist.), Dramatics 10-12, Honor Society 10-12, Boys State Delegate ; **Scott Thomas Leslie**, Football 10-12, Track 10 11, Wrestling 10-12, Executive Council 12, National Honor Society 11, 12, Varsity Club 12, First Team Academic 12, , First All-Conference Wrestling 12, Sectional Champ Wrestling 12;

# Coping with a long night in school

By the time a student reaches senior year, he or she usually feels that enough time has been spent within school walls. However, what would seniors do if they happened to get locked in the high school overnight?

"I'd probably try to get into the guidance office and get into the computers and change everybody's grades," said Allison Kundrot.

"I'd go to the cafeteria and eat all the food," said Rob Wlazlo.

"I'd break into French teacher Betty Weber's room and listen to French tapes," said Derek Wesolowski.

"I would go into Spanish teacher Mr. Ray Weaver's room and break all the pinatas except mine," said Kirsten Anderson.

"I would go swimming and break into the lockerroom and shoot baskets until I'd get hot then I'd break out," said Barrett Starks.

"I would break into the auditorium, set up all the equipment and have my own little concert," said Steve Hyuck.

"I would get into history teacher's Mr. Robert Hastings' room and jump into his knight in shining armor costume," said Tabitha Dishman.

"I would go check out the boiler room because I have never been there before," said Kevin Kozuch.

"I'd go through the file cabinets and see what secrets the teachers hide there," said Tomisha Joseph.

By Jackie Acosta

After long hours in the J-room working on deadlines, senior Steve Mitchuson gets a little slap happy and decides to entertain the staff by jumping over three chairs.

**Todd Arthur Leslie**, Football 10-12, Track 10 11, Wrestling 10-12, National Honor Society 11 12, Varsity Club 10-12, Turnabout Candidate, First Team All-Conference Football 12, Academic All State 12, Best Mental Attitude 12, Conference Champ Wrestling 12, Sectional Champ 12, Regional Champ 12, Most Valuable Player 12 Semi-State Qualifier 12;**Jill Littlefield**, Booster Club 11, DECA (Hist.) 11 12, Executive Council 11 12, National Honor Society 11, 12, Quill and Scroll (V Pres.) 11, 12, Student Council 11, 12, *Reflector* (Academic Ed.) 11 (Chief Photo) 12, SADD (V Pres.) 11 (Pres.) 12, **Chris T. Logan**; **Christina Lorene Martin**, Booster Club 10 11, DECA (Tres.) 11 12, Student Council 10;

**April Anne Massa; Katie Patricia McDermott Brandi McKeown,** Track 10 11, Swimming 10 11, Band 10, Booster Club 10, DECA 12; **Roger Meeks**;

**Tracey Anne Merriman**, DECA 12; **Drew Michaels; ,Neil A. Miklusak,** Football 10 11 (Co-Capt.) 12, Track 10 11 (Co-Capt.) 12, Wrestling 10-12, Concert Choir 10 11, Chorale 12, Varsity Club 10 11 (VPres.) 12, Student Council 12, Class Vice Pres. 12, Turnabout Candidate, Homecoming King, First Team All-Conference 11, 12, First Team All-Area 11, 12, First Team All-State 12, Wrestling Conference Champ; **Steven G. Mitchuson**, Basketball 10-12, Football 11, Baseball 10-12, Varsity Club 11 12, *Panther Press* (Sports) 11 12;

**Michael Alan Moore**, Football 10, Wrestling 11, Varsity Club 11; **Christopher Michael Moriarty**, Soccer 10-12, Concert Choir 10, 11, Chorale 12; **Christen Morris; Jerry Micheal Murdock**,Basketball 10, Football 10-12, Baseball 10-11, Concert choir 10, Chorale 11-12, Varsity Club 11,12.


**Troy Murphy**; **Tracy Elizabeth Murr**, Track 10, 11,Booster Club 10,11 Concert Choir 11, Girls Choir 10, Chorale 12, DECA 12, Student Council 10; **Ronda Ann Myers**, Swimming 10 (Capt.) 11, Booster Club 10, (Hist.) 11, (V Pres) 12, Executive Council 10, Varsity Club 10-12, Bowling Club 12, Superbowl, Girl's State DelegateDecathalon12,
**Jeffrey Scot O'Brien**, Tennis 11, 12, Baseball 10-12, DECA 12, SADD 11;

**William Oaf**,Basket ball 11; **Louis George Olar**; **Joseph Opolski; Timothy Jay Orzechowski**, Bowling Club 12;

**Jennifer Lee Osborn**, Swimming 10, 11; **Margaret Pachowicz**; **Jennifer Elaine Patrick**, Track 10, Volleyball 10, Booster Club 11 **Angela Pikarczyk**;

**Jill Lee Planer**, Tennis(mang.) 10,11, Booster Club 10, 11, Concert Choir 11, Girls Choir 10, DECA 11; **Heather A. Polus**; **Nathan Jeremy Poole; Robert Michael Potosky**,Bowling 11,12

# The best of '91 and '92

The last year of high school can be the most important one in a senior's life. Even though some senior's were anxious to get out of school, all of them had things they would remember for the rest of their lives.

"One of the things I will remember most is the Semi-State football game versus Bishop Dwenger. I had the best feeling because the whole crowd was pumped up and they cheered with us," said Denise Castillo.

Seniors Tracy Sines, Rebecca Furman and Jennifer Romano represent the class of 1992 by marching int he Homecoming parade.

"I'll never forget all of the good times I spent with my friends," said Jerry Murdock.

"One of the best moments of my senior year was when the crowd rushed on the field after we won the regional championship," said Richard Jerome.

"One of the best parts of being a senior is being ably to look at all of the juniors and sophomores knowing that I won't have to come back next year," said Gina Vittorio.

"I'll never forget all of the friends I made from my sophomore year until now, and I'm sure I never gonna forget the trip that I'll be taking to California with my best friends," said Denise DeBoer.

"My senior year was very eventful. I thank God the Griffith students and staff were so supportive of me. I couldn't have done it without everybody. This is one year I'll never forget," said Katie McDermott.

"I'll never forget Mr. Vargo's class. He showed us how to express our opinions about government in constructive ways. He worked hard and got us involved in many different ways. He really made learning fun and never practiced any favortism," said Alicia Bodley.

"I'll never forget graduation because I was finally getting out of here," said Karen Hlebasko.

"I will never forget running out on the football field to congratulate our regional champs," said Noel Grudzien.

"I had fun staying after school in the J-room because everyone on *Reflector* and *Panther Press* are really weird and made me laugh," said Tomisha Joseph.

"The best part of my senior year was when I won all of my band awards and the 4-A award for Arts because I worked really hard for them," said Kirsten Anderson.




**Sam Radici**; **Jeffrey Allan Ready**, Golf 11, 12, Cross Country 10, National Honor Society 12, Bowling Club 11, (Tres.) 12, Boys State Delegate, Superbowl, Decathlon, Computer Quadrathon, JETS; **Paul A. Rivich**, Tennis 10, Bowling Club 10 **Holly Lee Roark**, DECA 12;




**Rebecca Lynn Rodriguez**, Football (Mang.) 11, 12, Track 10-12, Varsity Club 11, 12; **Jennifer Louise Romano**, Concert Choir 11, Girls Chorus 10, Chorale 12, Executive Council 10-12, Student Council 10-12,(Treasurer 11) DECA 12 National Competitor, Outstanding Student Council Member 10,11; ISSMA State Competitor11; **Tricia Lynn Roye**, Basketball 10, 11, (Capt.) 12, Volleyball 10, 11, (Capt.) 12, Softball 10, (Capt.) 11, 12 First Team All-Area, Booster Club 10-12, Girls Choir 10, Chorale 11, 12, Varsity Club 10-12, Prom Queen, Turnabout Princess, Homecoming Queen; **Jeannine Marie Ruesken**, Track 10, Volleyball 10, Booster Club 11;




**Dedra Jo Rutherford**, Track 12, Band 10-12, Jazz Band 12,Quill and Scroll 11, 12, Drum Major 11, 12, *Reflector* (Sports) 11-12 (Managing, Design 12,) Drum Major Camp 11, 12; **Brian Saberniak**; **Tiffany Lynne Saczawa**, Booster Club 10, 11, DECA 11, 12, Second in Region Parlimentary Procedure; **Monica Salcedo**Volleyball10;




**Scott T. Schaller**, Football 10, 12, Wrestling 10, Baseball 10-12, Varsity Club 11, 12, Most Outstanding Offensive Back; **Eric Gerard Schreiber**, Football 10-12,(Defensive Captain)2nd Team-All Area Fisrt Team All-Conference, Track 10, Varsity Club 12; **Adam Wayne Schroader**, Track 10, Cross Country 10, 11, Wrestling 10, Swimming 11, 12, Concert Choir 10, 11, Boys State Delegate;**Dan Schumann**,Football 10

**Tonya Serrato**; **Michael Joseph Serratore**, Football 10-12, Baseball 10, Varsity Club 11, 12; **Wede Shannon** Basket ball 12; **Tracy Lynne Sines**, Basketball (Statistician) 11, 12, Swimming 10,Tennis 10, 11, Most Improved, (Capt.) 12, Executive Council 10, Varsity Club 11, 12, Student Council 10;Band 10,

**Angela Christine Skaggs**, Booster Club 10-12, SADD 12; **Barrett Randall Starks**, Baseball 10-12, Most Improved, Varsity Club 11, 12; **Jeff Stolte**; **Tammy L. Stone**, Booster Club 11, 12;

**Scott Michael Sutton**, Football 10-12, First and Second Team All-Conference, Hon. Mention All-Area, Honorable Mention All-State, Baseball 10, 11, Second Team All-Conference , DECA 12, Varsity Club 12; **Kellie Lynn Swienconek**, Basketball 10, Volleyball 10, 11, Booster Club 10, 11, DECA 10-12, Student Council 10, 11, Sophmore Class V Pres.; **Michael James Tanis**, Golf 11, 12, Dramatics 10; **Jeffrey Alan Taylor**;

**Denise Lynn Thompson**, Track 10, Booster Club 10-12, DECA (Pres.) 12, (Tres.) 11, Senior Class Council; **Michael Paul Toth**, Wrestling (Capt.) 12; **Vlado Trivunovic**, Tennis 10-12, First Team All-Conference; MVP; **Scott Allan Trubich**, DECA12

# Looking into the future

Did you ever wonder why we even go to high school? Is it to teach us trigonometry and biology, or to keep kids off the streets? Do we go because no one had any better ideas? Perhaps we go to prepare us for our future, whatever it may hold. Then, how well does G.H.S. prepare us to go into the real world? The seniors had different opinions.

Seniors Mike Farley and Christine Hochstetler dissect fetal pigs in Biology 3-4, a college preparatory class.

" The Science Department has prepared me for college and has given me a better understanding of the workings of the world around me," said Jeff Ready.

"Everyone in our class was pretty close as friends. My favorite class was Preparation For Adult Living. Mrs. Keithly prepared us to handle real life situations and helped us to relate to different people", said Russ Dewes.

"Cadet teaching gave me a glimpse of what I'm striving for. I think I'll have a better understanding of of what to expect. I really loved working with the kids," said Becky Furman.

"G.H.S. prepared me for life by forcing me to make my own decisions. I also had to learn to work on projects on my own time which is more like what college will be like," said Alicia Bodley.

"The senior year is supposed to be the best, so I made it the most fun. Our science department is really good, and I think they prepared me for college courses better than a lot of other schools around here," said Russ Fliter.

"Working on the yearbook for two years and being Editor-in-Chief has helped prepare me for college because I am majoring in journalism and it will give me experience. It has also prepared me for the future because I've learned to get along with many different people," said Tomisha Joseph.

"Adult Prep. has prepared me for my future because it has taught me to deal with real-life situations," said Diana Davis.




**Jennifer Lynn Truman**, Band 10, Booster Club 10, Executive Council 10, 11, Student Council 10; **Gregory Clay Uhter**, DECA 12, Prom Candidate, Soccer 10, 11, (Capt.) 12; **Deno Valone**; **Patricia Dimos Vrehas**, Basketball (Mang.) 11, Booster Club 10-12, DECA 10-12, SADD 11, 12;




**Don Eric Wassermann**, Basketball 10, Football 10, 11, (Capt.) 12, All State Hon. Mention, First Team All-Area12, First Team All-Conference, Most Valuable Player, Track 10, 11, DECA 11, 12, Varsity Club 11, 12, Homecoming Candidate; **Derek Wesolowski**; **Bruce Alan Weyhe**; **Amy Marie Will**, Football (Mang.) 12, Booster Club 10-12, Concert Choir 11, Girls Choir 10, Chorale 12, DECA 12;




**Rebecca Ann Wisinski**, Swimming 10, Tennis 10, Booster Club 10, 11, 12-Mascot, Dramatics 10, Executive Council, 10, 12, Honor Society, 10, 11, 12, Varsity Club 10, 11, 12, Bowling Club 12, Girls State Delegate; **Robert John Wlazlo**, *Panther Press* 12 (Copy Editor), Student Council 11, 12, Executive Council 10-12, Treasurer, Boy's State Delegate, Quill and Scroll 12; **Andrew M. Wroblewski**, Football 10, 11, 12, Golf 10, 11, 12, Band 10, 11,Varsity Club 10, 11, 12- President; **Jason Eric Young**, DECA 12;


**George Steven Zakrzewski**, Concert Choir 10, Chorale 11, 12; **Jodee Ellen Zellers**, Basketball 10, Volleyball 10, Booster Club 11, 12;

Jacqueline Acosta
Kellie Adams
William Arevalo
Michael Augenstine
Mark Austgen
Jason Bacon

Cynthia Ball
Greg Banks
Lorraine Barenie
Christina Bertucci
Leslie Biscan
Amy Bishop

Keith Borman
Kristoffer Brandush
Troy Brodie
Sandra Bronson
Joseph Brookhart
Kimberly Brooks

Melissa Busovsky
Bridget Butler
Matthew Butner
Rachel Carden
Lynnette Carter
Rebecca Chandler

April Clark
Angel Cox
Joseph Dangelo
jKevin Daugherty
Kim Daugherty
Mindy Davis

Jeffery Day
Heather Devitt
Bryan Dominguez
Lisa Dorelli
Danieille Dudek
Rebecca Duney

James Dwyer
Adam Eisensee
Mitchell Ensign
Whitney Escalante
Amy Evanatz
Teresa Ewen

Jennifer Faris
Jerry Farrar
Christine Fisher
David Fisher
Daniel Flores
Lindsey Friend

# Tricks and treats

Halloween. When most people think of Halloween, they think of little kids running around begging for candy. But is it only little kids? Junior Paul Gilbertson said, "I like to still go out with my friends and have fun."

Though trick or treating is the main activity for the kids, teenagers have a few activities of their own. "I like to go riding around on Halloween, scaring kids and egging houses," said junior Phil Isaily.

Even though egging houses and T-ping are activities teenagers enjoy, some still enjoy good old-fashioned trick or treating. Isaily said, "I think it's really fun to go out, dress up and get candy, especially when I take my little three year old niece out."

Gilbertson said, "It's really great when I go out and get candy because I always have a good time."

There are other ways to celebrate Halloween besides going out. Junior Missy Henrickson said, "I like to decorate pumpkins for Halloween. I like to make funny faces or toothy grins."

Junior Joe Gonzales said, "The best thing about Halloween is being with my friends."

*By Tomisha Joseph*

Top 5 things to do on Halloween:

-Dress up
-Go trick or treating
-Go to a party
-Hand out candy
-Cruise around

One way to decorate for Halloween is by carving pumpkins. A junior carves her pumpkin and tops it off with a toothy grin.

Sarah Furman
Kelley Gall
Betsy Gard
Jim Gardner
Anita Garnett

Joseph Garza
Gretchen Gasper
Michelle Gauler
Jonna Gehring
Paul Gilbertsen

Leslie Glover
Joseph Gniadek
Joseph Gonzalez
Bob Gottschammer

Ronald Govert
Karen Grubbs
Renee Grubbs
Katherine Gulotta
Jodi Haack
Brian Hafner

Jason Harder
Melissa Harretos
Melissa Henrikson
Joshua Henry
Michael Hernandez
Ruben Hernandez

Justin Hess
Carrie Heusing
Michele Higgins
John Hilgeman
Jennifer Hill
Ryan Hoover

Melissa Howerton
Amy Hruskocy
Kristi Hubbard
Larry Hubbard
Jennifer Huss
Phil Isaily

Chad Ison
Paige Jacoby
Tom James
Grant Jenkins
Peter Johnson
Andre Jones

Angela Kaufman
LoraLee Kilgore
Carrie Kitchens
James Kmet
John Korba
Sarah Krooswyk

Jennifer Kuck
Rex Lamb
Jenna Lehmann
Theresa Letts
Christopher Linders
Shelli Linders

Rachael Luptak
Charles Marquand
Ronald Martin
Fabian Martinez
Ruth Marvel
Ilija Matoski

# Pre-game fun

Before a game begins, many things must be accomplished. Whether or not you're part of the actual game or just a spectator, each person has his or her own rituals that moves him or her toward the anticipated moment.

The football players have their own order of events that precede the game. Some things are done together as a team as junior Nate Miklusak said,"After we eat, we always go for a walk, even at far away games."

Another activity that is done before a game is viewing the game films. Junior Brad Zabeck tells the benefits of film viewing,"We watch game films to mentally prepare ourselves to go into combat on the battlefield."

Band members must practice their performance for the game. Junior band member Karen Grubbs said,"I have to be at school an hour and a half early to prepare for band for the game."

Each Friday during football season, one can find the hallways festively decorated for the occasion. Cheerleaders are one of these teams that must prepare hallways, lockers, and themselves before a game begins. "After school we decorate the locker room and then usually go home and get ready for the game. We come back to school and stretch out and get warmed up ," said junior cheerleader Kelley Gall.

Pantherettes are another team that pulls together before a game. Junior Jodi Haack said,"During class last hour we practice our performance with the band. We usually have to set up and go over things one last time."

Besides teams, individuals are busy too. Junior Kim Woodall said," Some of my friends and I get together before a game to get ourselves ready."

Junior Angie Kaufman agreed,"I do my hair and talk on the phone to my friends."

"I usually go over to a friend's house to try to find something to wear and hang out until it's time to go to the game," said junior Katie Gulotta.

Everyone does his or her own individual thing before a game to support our Panthers, but what is the most important thing? "To have fun with it all," said junior Jayme Osika.

*By Paige Jacoby*

The top 5 things students do before a game:

-Eat
-Practice
-Mental preparation
-Take a shower
-Talk to friends


Pulling together, the football team does Breakdown at a pep rally. Breakdown is done before every game to motivate the players.

Angela Matson
Jason Matthews
Jennifer Matthews
Scott Mauch
Melissa Maugherman

Tony McCabe
Anthony Mehok
Katie Mendez
Beth Michalak
Nathan Miklusak

Paul Mitchell
Mathew Moore
Mathew Murphy
Samantha Murrian

Lori Nagel
Dirk Nicksic
John Novath
Jamie Osika
Jason Parsons
Daniel Pastar

Brian Pelletier
Sean Peterson
Dawn Pfeiffer
Joy Planer
Ronald Price
Jason Randolph

Jennifer Reder
Catherine Reese
Carl Rentschler
Ryan Rettig
Tracy Reynolds
Jennifer Riese

LeeAnn Riese
Margarita Rocha
Jasmine Rodriguez
Matthew Rubacha
Susan Saltzman
Rebecca Schoon

Ryan Schultz
Michelle Scurlock
Joseph Serbentas
Scott Sherry
Brian Smit
Adam Smith

Mike Smith
Steve Smith
Regina Steapleton
Tammy Sumner
Alan Sutkowski
Jason Swinson

Kyle Toweson
Sean Tucker
Michael Verbich
Theresa Vicari
Tina Walker
Cheryl Wathen

Cheryl Webb
Rob Weldon
Chris Wilcox
Wendy Wilken
Jamie Williams
Joseph Williams

# Picture of perfection

Cindy Crawford. Mel Gibson. Julia Roberts. Kevin Costner. Claudia Schiffer. Tom Cruise. The picture of perfection; or are they?

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder and for the most part that is true. But what does attract members of the opposite sex to each other?

Junior Phil Isaily said,"I'm attracted to a girl because of her personality and her body."

Junior Charlie Marquand said," I'm attracted to a girl because of her body, face, and hair. I like a girl with really nice hair."

Junior Andre Jones said,"I like a girl who's cute, has a good personality, and is fashionable."

The majority of guys are attracted to a girl's body and eyes. And girls are attracted to guys mainly for the same reasons.

Junior Mitch Ensign said,"I'm attracted to a girl's eyes. I love their eyes."

Junior Anita Garnet said,"I'm attracted to his eyes and his body."

Although, looks seem to play a major role in attraction, some people believe it's the personality that really counts. Others feel that a person's looks are just the first key to attraction.

Top 5 qualities that juniors find attractive in one another

-Body
-Personality
-Eyes
-Face
-Hair

Junior Sandy Bronson said,"Looks don't really matter because it's what's on the outside that counts."

Junior Rachael Luptak said,"Yes, looks count. If a person isn't good looking you wouldn't want to go up and talk to them if you didn't know them."

Jones said,"Looks count a little bit. That's what first attracts me to her."

Whether attraction stops or continues into a serious relationship depends on different factors.

Bronson said,"Trust is a big one. Trust and honesty. Just being able to talk and have a lot of fun with each other."

Luptak said,"Trust and love are almost the same thing. You have to understand each other."

Ensign said," A lot of talking,communication, is a big factor. You also have to know each other like you know yourself."

People have different ideas about what attracts who. So, what one person finds attractive another may not.

*By Ruthii Marvel*

Junior Kelley Gall leans up to talk to her boyfriend, Jason Parsons, during the Homecoming football game.(J. Littlefield)













Linda Wilson
Lisa Wojciechowski
Nathan Wolf
Kimberly Woodall
Jeremy Worosz

Shawn Wright
Alyssa Yerga
Marybeth Yonan
Craig Young

Brad Zabek
Todd Zabek
George Zakrzewski
Nancy Zokvic

# The art of annoying teachers

Molly talks to Billy across the room. Edward sleeps soundly on his desk. Sue bounces thoughtlessly in her chair. Nick blows a bubble and lets it pop. All of this occurs while the teacher tries to give notes for tomorrow's test.

Enter any class and you'll find at least one student who has some way of annoying the teacher. Anything from popping gum to sleeping during class is fair game. Half the time it's out of habit; the other half is just out of plain disrespect.

"I like to annoy my teachers because usually it's a boring class and it adds fun to it. People try to have fun while they learn," said sophomore Brian Hopper.

One of the most common ways students annoy teachers is by talking during class. "I like to talk in class when it's really boring and there's nothing else to do," said sophomore Tiffany Schafer.

"I usually talk in class only if someone else talks to me first," said sophomore Rachel Ehresman.

The 5 top things that annoy teachers:

-Sleeping
-Talking
-Blowing Bubbles
-Smart AlleckyKids
-Making noises

Still some people prefer more original ways to annoy their teachers. Sophomore Jo Nahod said,"I'll keep asking the same question over and over again; just rephrase it a little."

Sophomore Lori VanAuken said,"I'll tapmy pen on my desk or make loud noises to annoy the teacher."

Sophomore Brian Hopper said,"To annoy a teacher the best thing to do is to go to sleep."

Not everyone enjoys the pranks that students do to bother their teachers. Some people, in fact, find it rude and disrupting to the rest of the class. Sophomore Dan Bartnicki said,"When student does something to annoy a teacher it slows down the learning process."

So, whether you habitually sniff or purposely tap your pencil, you're probably guilty of annoying your teacher (and some of your classmates, too).

*By Ruthii Marvel*

Sophomore Sean Donaldson takes a nap in Mrs. Vaclavik's class and triggers one of her pet peeves.

Jennifer Adams
Christina Ahlmeier
Antwan Allen
William Alley
Erik Anderson
Nicole Baggarly
Michelle Baran
Lisa Barrett

Daniel Bartnicki
Jamie Bell
Jamie Benson
Jennifer Bengham
Steven Blackard
Jenny Blair
Dawn Boganwright
Natalie Bogielski

Deborah Bombin
Shannon Bopp
Amy Boswinkle
Matt Boyer
Gregory Bradburn
Jeannie Braden
Marilyn Bragg
Kevin Bryan

Jason Bubala
Leah Bultema
Christopher Butner
Christine Canady
Duane Cassoday
Pamela Chambers
Scott Cherven
Robert Clark

Lakeysha Clay
Laura Cole
Anastasia Cominos
Dawn Cothran
Lori Counts
Gina Covarrubias
Sarah Curtis
Luke Dalach

Lauren Darnell
Greg Decker
Christopher Degard
Benny Dela Rosa
Kelly DeYoung
Misty Dillon
Shawn Donaldson
Laura Donovsky

Phyllis Dumigan
Amy Duran
Brain Dutkiewicz
Chris Eaton
Rachel Ehresman
Katie Ellison
Raquel Estrada
Kristi Flatter

Jennifer Gajewski
Marcello Garcia
Shawn Geary
Jacob Gettig
Angela Gillespie
Christian Gleim
Patricia Gomez
Keela Gootee

# Dress to impress

Making yourself look good has always been a task that has never been taken lightly by most people. The use of clothes, cars and make-up have always been the easy way to look your best. Now it goes one step beyond; working out has become a good way to improve an individual's looks.

"I work out at Chicago Health Club twice a week and I work out in my basement every night on the treadmill and exercise bike," said sophomore Jo Nahod. "I have to keep in shape for my sports. Also, I don't want to turn into a blimp!!!"

But working out, or any other process to make yourself look good, takes time. And sometimes it can cut into your schoolwork.

"Looks aren't more important to me than my schoolwork because I need to fulfill my education,and get ahead in life," said sophomore Greg Decker.

Nahod agreed, "Looks only last so long, but your education lasts you your entire life."

"Schoolwork is a little bit more important to me because I feel I can get farther in life with what I know rather than how I look." said Bopp.

Some people, however, feel differently. "It depends on if I'm going out somewhere, or just going to school." said sophomore Dana Navarro.

"I feel that my looks are more important than schoolwork," said sophomore Mark Williams, "because I don't like schoolwork very much."

Sometimes, no matter how hard an individual tries to make himself look good, feel they're not prefect and wish they could change things.

"I would probably change my height." saidBopp, "Being just under five feet tall isn't that exciting."

"No matter what people say, when it comes down to it looks do count.They're something we all consider before we date someone," said Nahod.

*By Jim Dwyer*

**The 5 top things students do to look good.**

-Work out

-Dress nice

-Style hair

-Drive nice cars

-Wear Make-up

Sophomore Jenny Bingham searches through her purse to find make-up to put on.

Jamie Govert
Steven Govert
Dallas Grace
Laura Grasch
Brian Grcevich
Katherine Green
Amy Guy
Nathaniel Guy

Charlie Haley
Jamie Haley
Thomas Hall
John Hancock
Tammi Hardacker
Jenny Hendrix
Cathy Higuet
Patty Higuet

Amanda Hill
Amy Hintz
Todd Hintz
Melisa Hjertquist
Susan Hoesman
Brian Hopper
Dustan Houchin
Holly Huddleston

Aimilianos Iliou
Neil Irvin
Assma Issa
Jennifer Jacobson
Nancy Jamison
Kelsey Johnson
Michelle Jones
Angela Karlstedt

Lynn Katona
Charles Kern
Rachelle Kirk
David Knestrict
Ryan Kohut
Richie Korba
Alicia Kristufek
Jacki Kuss

Richard Lane
Jenny Lis
Candy Loudenber
Chris Loudenber
Michele Lubrant
Nicole Manno
Adam Massa
Darby Massie

Rebecca Mazzocco
Matthew McClure
Jennifer McKnight
Jason McNeiley
Brian Meeks
Tim Merriman
Nichole Bills
Bethany Minnix

Kevin Moe
Beth Morosin
Thomas Murray
Lisa Nagy
Johanna Nahod
Dana Navarro
Dawn Negrete
Joshua Nesius

# The day from hell

Everyone has had one of those days that makes him or her completely miserable. The reasons that make a day not good for each individual are as different as night and day. The length of time we spend and the people who put us in this sad state may also differ as several sophmores stated.

"I can always tell it's going to be a bad day whin I get a test that I can't even read, much less answer," said sophomore Keela Gootee.

"Knowing I have to wake up and come to english makes my day bad," said sophomore Luke Dalach.

"When a girl sitting next to me wears too much perfume and makes me sick. That makes a bad day," said sophomore Ricky Lane.

The 5 top things that make a bad day:
-Homework
-Tests
-Sickness
-Parents
-Friends

"When I have a bad day it's usually because I forgot to do my homework. I usually get really cranky and take it out on everybody," said sophomore Joe Nahod.

"I have a bad day when I have to get up early for practice and then have to go to English first hour," said sophomore Tom Murray.

"The thing that makes a day bad is when teachers give too much homework on the weekends," said sophomore Jenny Ristic.

" Guys make me have a bad day," said day," said sophmore Jamie Govert.

"When I'm having a bad day I always take it out on my parents otherwise I would make everybody around miserable," said sophomore Greg Bradburn.

*By Paige Jacoby*

Laura Nichols
Shannon Ostrowski
Glenn Panozzo
Jerry M. Parsons
Natalie Pastar
Trisha Paul

Richard Pena
Alan Piech
William Piekarczyk
Robert Pilarczyk
Jennifer Popagain
Joseph Potesta

Todd Queen
John Quigley
Jessica Redar
Joe Redar
Doniel Rettig
Gavin Reyome

Sharon Rhyne
Amy Richeke
Cathy Riggle
Jennifer Ristic
Brian Rodell
Dominick Romano

Garrett Russell
Jeremy Russell
Ann Sanner
Melissa Sarlea
Chris Scandura
Tiffany Schafer

Keela Gootee, a sophomore, drops her books, a sure sign that a day is going bad.

Bryan Schaller
Janille Scheeringa

Diane Schoeffel
Paul Schroeder

Christine Schultz
Andrea Sferruzza

Doug Shaffer
Adolphus Shannon
John Shavey
Lisa Shouders
John Smith
Martha Smith

Stephanie Snyder
Matt Stenger
Melissa Stone
Chad Sutton
Lee Thomas
Brad Tinich

Robyn Towasnicki
Jennifer Turner
Lori Van Auken
Joe Van Horssen
Robert Varichak
Erin Voorheis

Jason Warmelink
Michelle Wayo
Melissa Whitfield
Roy Whiting
Karin Wielock
Heather Williams

Mark Williams
Kristine Yanek
Rebecca Yates
Ryan Zinmer
Amy Zvyak

# We got it in . . .

Everybody goes to school, but not everybody is involved. For those people who are, there are organizations for them to join. Some of these organizations consist of Honor Society, Student Council, Booster Club, Choir, Band, Pantherettes, and the Bowling Club. Many of these organizations have requirements in order to join, while others have no restrictions.

Some organizations have fundraisers to help not only Griffith students, but to help people in general. The Blood Drive is one of these fundraisers sponsored by Honor Society, whose efforts helped people in need.

Other examples would be DECA sponsoring a "lap-a-thon" for Muscular Dystrophy. The clubs and organizations of Griffith High School work along together with the community.

# Organizations

Adrienne Bogielski
Robert Wajlo
Danielle Rudek
Matthew Rubacha
Lynnette Carter
Rebecca Chandler
Jon Jabas
Lisa Kruger
Shannon Bapp
Amy Kustocy
Dan Paster
Jill Littlefield
Kevin Rozak
Stephanie Kir
Angie Matton
Sagi Jocelyn

Left: Seniors Denise Castillo and Denise DeBoer discussed issues together in a Student Council meeting. Right: On a freezing night during a football game, senior Cindy Knezevich performs a routine with the band and Pantherettes.

# Band director BRINGS SOUNDS *of change*

"1, 2, ready, go!" leads new Griffith High School Band Drum Major Dedra Rutherford. The Drum Major wasn't the only change made this year. The Band has undergone a few other changes . With the retirement of Mr. Cross, Griffith found itself without a band director. Mr. John King was chosen to fill that spot.

"I came to Griffith because it had all the ingredients to make a first-class band program which is an adequate amount of students in the program, a good funding program,and good support and encouragement." said King.

King added,"I have felt that the students,faculty and administration have made my first year pleasant,but as with any different situation, it's hard because things are all so new."

It was new for the band as well.

"I think the band itself is better now than it was before." said Sophomore Rick Lane.

Senior band president Kevin Kozuch agreed, "We lost a lot of good talent from last year,but we have improved since the beginning of the year."

Another change was the Christmas concert. This was the first year it was attempted using both Band and Choir.

"I felt it was a big success,"said King, "Mrs. Spejewski and I felt it would be a great way to do a Christmas Concert."

Others agreed with him.

"I think it was different,more exciting, overall better, than past concerts."said Lane.

Some felt differently about it though.

"I personally felt that it was more like the "Choir" concert featuring the "Band and disliked it very much," said Sophomore Glen Panozzo.

Junior Rebecca Chandler said,"I enjoyed the concert. It gave me a chance to hear the choir, but I don't think the band got to play enough."

The band-choir concert doesn't end the changes. Mr. King plans on bringing in professional conductors and college band ensembles to help the band with their playing. A trip to Holland, Michigan to the tulip festival is also in the planning stages, along with a possible fund raiser. But none of this is definite.

"I feel that the band needs to view themselves as a leading group in this school. This includes football and basketball games, commencement, pep sessions and especially as a musical ensemble that can make G.H.S. proud," said King.

*-Jim Dwyer-*

(Photos by Jill Littlefield)

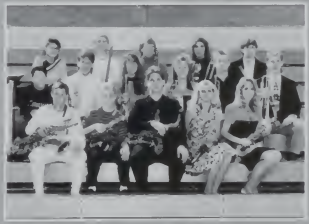
On the football field, the band performed for a Pantherette dance routine.

While the football team entered the gymnasium, the marchng band played music to liven up the crowd.

The band marched down Broad St. while the Pantherettes performed the school song.

First row: Aimee Boswinkle, Angie Gilliespie, Nicole Bagarrdly, Amanda Hill, Lorrainne Barenie, Lynette Carter, Michelle Higgins, Michelle Bodley, Renee Grubbs, Dedre Rutherford, Second row: Shannon Bopp, Dana Keddarman, Alicia Bodley, Dana Duran, Jennifer Pantea, Jenny Bingham, Carrie Kitchens,Cheryl Webb, Angie Piekarczyk, Robin Townsnicki, Dana Navarro, Third row: Bill Piekarczyk, Michelle Miller , Matt Wilson, Jo Nahod, Rebecca Chandler, Alan Gugala, Brian Miller, Darby Massie, Ron Haskins, Jasmine Rodriguez, Karen Grubbs, Fourth row: Jeff Carrol, Kirsten Anderson, Jim Dwyer, Matt Allison, Jen King, Rick Lane, Treavor Domazet, Jeff Messmer, Tracy LaBuda, Fifth row: Kevin Kozuch, Lewis Belcher, Andy haskins, Glen Panozzo, Amy Duran, Sarah Kozuch, Matt McClure, Mike Ramsey, Jason Gonzalez, David Varachek, Mark Williams,Sixth row: Bob Pillarczyk, Kikm Brooks, Nicole Rasile, Greg Decker, Phil Bice, Don Woddard, Erik Anderson, Manuel Jones, Brad Chandler.

**Front row: Lynn Carter, Matt Allison, Dedra Rutherford, Jasmine Rodriguez, Michele Higgins**
**Middle row: Dana Navarro, Karen Grubbs, Carrie Kitchens, Michelle Bodley, Renee Grubbs, Tracy Labuda, Last Row: Louis Belcher, Jeff Carroll, Matt McClure, Phil Bice, Mark Williams, Sarah Kozuch**



**Front row: Trevor Domazet, Jeff Messmer, Jim Dwyer, Rebecca Chandler, Jo Nahod,**
**Middle row: Brad Chandler, Andy Haskins, Kirsten Anderson, Amy Duran, Glen Panozzo, Kevin Kozuch, Back row: Lorrainne Barenie, Rick Lane, Erik Anderson, Jen King, Greg Decker**

# Choir: JOINED BAND FOR CHRISTMAS *but stayed single for spring.*

Not everyone has th ecourage to get on stage and sing and dance or even wash their hair, in front of their parents and their peers This year the Choir did just that and thought nothing of it. These are the people that have been a part of choir for a long time.

"Choir has always been a part of my life,"said Junior LoraLee Kilgore."It's a natural thing for me to do and be a part of to me."

Junior Kim Woodall agreed,"I've been in Choir for a very long time and it seems inconceivable for me not to be involved."

"I enjoy it because I like to sing and it's an hour out of my day that I can somewhat relax,"said Junior Kelley Gall.

Junior Amy Bishop added,"It's a very unique class to be a part of because you can be with your friends who enjoy the same activities."

"I love to sing and I think that it's more challenging than Junior High Choir," Said Junior Jodi Haack.

"I had a good time this year at the spring concert. There was a lot of dancing in it and that always makes concerts more fun,"said Junior Sarah Krooswyk.

This year was also somewhat different as far as the Christmas concert was concerned.This year was the first time the Band and the Choir combined to do a performance.

"It was different having the Band and the Choir together.We liked it,"said Junior Jenna Lehman.

Gall agreed,"I think it was a good way to bring out a crowd to see both groups."

"I think that it was a good way to unite the department because Choir and Band don't really do much together,"said Junior Alyssa Yerga.

Woodall summed it up the best by adding,"We felt that Mr. King and Mrs. Spejewski worked well together.The concert was a big success and it was a welcome change from our normal concerts."

*-Jim Dwyer-*

*Photos by Jill Littlefield*

Santa Claus Mitch Ensign hands out presents to choir members and their friends during the Christmas concert.

Members of Concert Choir perform the concert finally while the band accompanied them.

Chorale performs an opening song at the concert.

Front row: Tracy Mary Muir, [illegible] Mary Beth Yonan, Stephanie Kirk, Second row: [illegible] Third row: [illegible] Fourth row: [illegible] Fifth row: [illegible] Sixth row: [illegible] Blackard, Mindy Davis, Jamie DeBoer.

First row: Dawn Chapman. Second row: Katie Mendes, Stephanie Sparks. Third row: Sandy Loudenbacker, Tessie Cummins, Mary Harvica. Fourth row: Laura Sewell, Jamie Benson, Natalie Bogielski, Laura [illegible]. Fifth row: Erin Voorhees, Becca Malinski, Angie Karstedt, Laura Nichols, Katie Green, Leah Bullema.

[illegible] Mindy Davis, Beth [illegible] Second row: [illegible] Bonnie Mundy, [illegible] Third row: [illegible] Fourth row: Jodi Hauck, [illegible] Fifth row: [illegible] Sixth row: [illegible] Lake.

First row: Missy Henrickson, Jackie Acosta, MaryBeth Yonan. Second row: Amy Bishop, Lindsay Friend, Gretchen Gasper, Kelley Gale. Third row: Whitney Escalante, Kim Woodall, Michelle Geuder. Fourth row: Jodi Hauck, Jenny Huss, Leslie Bucan, Alyssa Yerga. Fifth row: LoraLee Kilgore, Sarah Kroosyck, Minds Davis, Jenna Lehmann.

**First row: Amy Will, Matthew Rubacha,** Jerri Murdock, Tracy Muir. Second row: Adrienne Bogiewski, George Zakrzewski, Tricia Roye, Mitch Ensign. Third row: Jen Romano, Chris Monarto, Olivier Doppler, Denise Castillo. Fourth row: Stephanie Kirk, Jim Lattin, Neil Mikluszak, Denise DeBoer, Jamie Dutcher, Rebecca Furman.

**First row: Adam Schreiber, Chris Wilcox,** Gavin Reyoma. Second row: Joe Redar, Jason Swinson, Chris DeGiard, Joe Gonzalez. Third row: Dan Bartnicki, Luke Dalach, Steve Blackard, Jacob Gettig.

# Leaders: LEADING G.H.S INTO *the future*

At Griffith,there are many organizations and groups to be a part of. But groups don't run and operate by themselves in some haphazard order.There are leaders to organize and coordinate meetings and events.

"I enjoy being involved in planning activities and doing other things with the group I'm part of,"said Senior Kevin Kozuch, National Honor Society President and Student Council Vice-President.

Senior Booster Club and Sweatergirl President Jennifer King agreed,"I like to be a part of the planning of our activities and the coordination of events."

Leading a group is no easy task. Sometimes ideas and events sound good on paper-but they don't always turn out well in reality.

"The weeks before and of Homecoming were very stressful for a lot of people,"said Kozuch."All the plans that needed to be made and certain events that had to happen at certain times played heavily on our nerves."

"There were times when I got really stressed out about certain things,"said Senior Denise Castillo, President of Student Council."But I've learned that things aren't always going to go the way I've planned, so I compromise in certain areas and make the best of it."

There are some benefits to being a leader of a group.By being a part of or leading a group, better leadership and authority skills are built up. Plus it looks good on a college application.

"Being a member of different groups has helped my leadership skills,made me a more responsible person and has helped my communication skills,"added Castillo."I have learned to deal with my responsibilities more efficiently through these groups."

Pantherette president Noel Grudzien said, 'With being part of the Pantherettes,I have learned special leadership and teaching skills that can be used in the future."

Leaders lead;it's that simple.Without these leaders, who knows what might happen to our events like Homecoming and the Pep Rallies. It just goes to show that Griffith's organizations leaders have got it...together!

*Jim Dwyer*

Senior Kevin Kozuch waits for the bleeding to stop after he gives blood.(Photo by Jill Littlefield.)

Junior Kim Woodall stands and waits to be registered for the blood drive.(Photo by Jill Littlefield.)

Senior Jim Lattin watches health teacher Mr. Ron Divjak as he gives blood.(Photo by Jill Littlefield.)

Denise DeBoer,senior keeps the student council apprised of the situation at a morning meeting.(Photo by Jill Littlefield.)

# Honor Clubs: A PRESTIGEOUS PART of G.H.S.

Honor clubs at Griffith are a very special thing to be a part of. It takes a lot of pride,work,effort and dedication to make the grade with these groups. Unfortunately, they are not for everybody who goes to Griffith just for those who have the ability and can handle the pressure of being a part of one of these groups.Their eligibility standards are quite high.

"To be in Honor Society,a person needs a minimum of a 3.4 G.P.A., be involved in extracurricular activities and demonstrate good classroom leadership,"said Senior Honor Society President Kevin Kozuch. Teachers must also give you a letter of recommendation for evaluation points.Then these and the activities points are added together and divided out.If the total is 3.4 or above,then one is invited to join."

Honor Society isn't the only organization to have high standards.Varsity Club requires that you be a varsity lettermen in any sport. Quill and Scroll requires that you be in the top third of your class and be on Panther Press or Reflector. However,the prestige associated with these groups are well worth the effort to become involved.

"I think that it is a very prestigious honor to be involved with Honor Society,"said Senior Jennifer King. There are many people out there who have the grades but they aren't involved in other things.To be part of this club takes a well rounded person that shows exemplary leadershipqualities and talents."

Well rounded means to be a part of different groups and still keep up with your grades.Truly a hard task and not for everybody, especially those who don't have a lot of time.

"During certain times of the year,Honor Society involves a lot of time,"said Senior Denise Castillo. "Other times it doesn't. It just depends on the activity at the time."

Honor clubs at Griffith,not for everybody, but something to shoot for.

*Jim Dwyer*

*Photos by Jill Littlefield.*

Blood Drive chairman Jennifer King gives a kind word or two to a blood donor during the Blood Drive.

While she gives blood, Mrs.Spewjewski receives moral support from her husband, Mr. Spewjewski

Quill and Scroll members Tomisha Joseph and Diana Davis make some phone calls in preparation for the journalism banquet.

**Honor Society First row Rebecca Furman,LoraLee Kilgore,Kevin Kuroch,** Denise Castillo Second row Rebecca Wisinski,Jill Littlefield,Scott Leslie, Jennifer Huss,Jennifer King Third row Sarah Krosiyk,Kristin Anderson Kevin Hall,Kim Woodall,Melissa Bauguess Fourth row Fabio Fourth row Larry Atkins,Matthew Rubacha,Jim Lattin,Todd Leslie,Landon Friend.

**SADD First row Lynn Katona,Becca Masocco,Lorraine Bearnie,Angel Cox,** [illegible] Hayner Second row Kevin Kuroch,Kathy Marve,Elaine Heal, Bryan Galecy Third row Michelle Gabrielli,Jenny Lin Christine Finber,Beth Morrison,Nancy Jamison

**Quill and Scroll First row Jill Littlefield,Diana Davis,Tomisha Joseph,Second** row Miss Marcinek,Sponsor,Danielle Dudek,Dedra Rutherford,Allison Kundrat.

**Boys/Girls State First row Jim Lattin,Jeff Ready,Russel Flitter Second Row** Rebecca Furman,Rebecca Wisinski,Ronda Myers,Denise Castillo Third row Kevin Kuroch,Edward Bukowski,Blaine Heal,Robert Wheele.

**Varsity Club First row Kelly Gall,Kim Fulkerson,Aimee Erickson,LeeAnn** Rose,Denise Castillo,Gina Steapleton, Second row AngieMattson,Amy Bishop,Kellie Adams,Trena Rose,Rebecca Duney,Tracey Sines,Ronda Myers Third row Scott Sherry,Landon Friend,Sarah Krosiyk,Shelbie Lindon,Leslie Roscan,Jennifer Huss,Christine Hechsteiler,Ron Fourth row Matthew Rubacha,Kyle Tiwesson,Kevin Harder,Scott Leslie,Mike Moore ,Brent Butler,Jeremy Worner,Fifth row Scott Schulz,Aaron Wyskiewski,Jason Matthews,Burton Starks,Rick Jennings,Roger Holden,Adam Smith Sixth row Eric Schreiber,Neil Mikluszak,Russ Dewes,Don Wasserman,Todd Leslie,Rick Burks,Jerry Murdock

# DECA: A HEADSTART ON *the future*

The week of February 9 through February 15 was proclaimed national DECA week to honor the GHS group DECA- An Association of Marketing Students, for their achievements in various competitions and their ability to combine job performance and education. The group was honored for their involvement with the Care Tree project,a project that helped give needy kids a gift for Christmas, and the Lap-A-Thon for Muscular Dystrophy, which raised $3000 last year alone. But it went beyond competitions and fundraisers, it also helped students get ready for jobs after school.

"DECA is great because the different field trips and competitions helped us get involved in school activities," said senior Sam Kolbert.

Senior Tracey Merriman said,"DECA helps you become more responsible. It gives you an idea of what needs to be known before working in the real world."

"It will prepare me for life after high school and college," said junior Tony McCabe. "DECA will give me the experience and partial training I need to get a good job."

Coordinator Richard Reyome said, "I enjoy sponsoring this group and seeing them gain experience outside the classroom."

"In DECA, we're all like one big family," Kolbert added

Senior Mike Farley said, "It's good because you get a chance to work with different people and build good relations."

To keep within DECA's educational helpfulness, the students have planned a field trip to the Chicago Board of Trade and to Gurnee Mills, a discount mall in Gurnee, Illinois, to see different types of marketing methods in action and to compare different types of marketing strategies.

Reyome added,"I feel that the competitions, and field trips helped give the students the experience they need, beyond the classroom, to make it past high school and college. It's hands on experience, not just classroom learning,that will be their greatest asset in getting a job."

*-Jim Dwyer-*

Mr. Reyome and senior Denise DeBoer stock up for pre-school DECA candy sales.


Seniors Tina Martin and Malinda Imre display the DECA banner to show their spirit.


Junior Jen Kuck and senior Korey Hrdina sell baked goods during National DECA Week.

First row: Tina Martin, Denise Thompson, Jenni Cebulski, Maureen Ison, LeeAnna Barber, Mr.Reyome. Second row: Christin Morris, Tracey Murr, Stephanie Kirk, Aimee Enoksen, Adreinne Bogowski, Stacey Carrol, Tiffany Saczawa, Jen Clark. Third row: Kim Fulkerson, Monica Salcedo, Joy Sipple,Katie McDermott, Tanya Guca, Jen Romano, Jen Kerr,Christie Craft,Fourth row: Pat Vrehas, Brandi McKeown, Melinda Imre, Brandy Braddam, Samantha Kolbert,Amy Will, Kellie Swienconek. Fifth row: Jill Littlefield, Amy Hruskocy,Jen Redar, Bridget Butler, Kim Daugherty, Tracey Merriman, Holly Roark, Jeannine Ruesken. Sixthrow: LeeAnn Riese, Shelley Linders,Jen Kuck, Kellie Adams, Denise DeBoer,Buffy Bell,Susan Carter.Seventh row: Teresa Ewen, Craig Young, Tony McCabe, Junstin Hess, Jeff O'Brien, Matthew Butner, Joe Scandura

Front row; Tina Martin, Kellie Swienconek,Jen Romano, Aimee Enoksen, Jen Kuck, Adrienne Bogowski, Tracy Murr, LeeAnn Riese, Stephanie Kirk. Middle row: Denise Thompson, Jenni Cebulski, Buffy Bell, Korey Hrdina, Tiffany Saczawa, LeeAnna Barber, Jenny Clark, Christie CraftTop row: Melinda Imre, Stacey Carrol, Mike Garvey, Don Wasserman, Chris Linders, Tony McCabe, Scott Trubich, Keilie Adams, Mr. Reyome.


While walking laps for charity, DECA students Jerry Farrar and Scott Sutton decide to eat a snack.

# Pep Clubs HELP SUPPORT *our teams*

During various sports seasons, it isn't highly unusual to see posters placed over lockers, streamers hanging from the ceiling, and athletes running around with sugar highs and neat-o toys to play with. How did all of this happen?

Griffith's pep clubs did it.

Well, two of them anyway. The many members of Booster Club and Sweatergirls take the credit for these actions. It is their responsibility to decorate the halls and walls. Sometimes this gets very time consuming.

"In Booster Club, you only have to put in the time you feel is adequate,"said Booster Club and Sweatergirl President Jennifer King. "But Sweatergirls takes up a lot more time and effort."

The third pep group deals more with dancing than decorating. They are the Pantherettes. However, just because they don't hang streamers don't think their life is any easier.

Pantherette President Noel Grudzien said,"I had to devote one-hundred percent of my time, energy, and patience to Pantherettes. It was difficult at times, especially while trying to do homework and work. I have to sacrifice events so that I can practice and organize functions or routines."

Sophomore Bethany Minnix agreed,"It is very difficult to become a part of Pantherettes because I won't have as much free time as I used to."

The decorations and signs are usually noticed by all in the school.But sometimes credit is not given where it is due or is passed on to the wrong people.

"People don't realize how much work the sweatergirls do,"said King."And sometimes don't care."

Sometimes the lack of time and too many things to do can lead to conflict.

"It became extremely difficult at times when work conflicted with practices and meetings," said Grudzien.

Minnix agreed, "Sometimes, depending on the night,my homework wouldn't get done because of lack of time."

*Jim Dwyer*

The Pantherettes stand at attention waiting to perform at a football game.

While trying to imitate their daughters, Pantherette moms do a routine during the town pep rally.

Various Sweatergirls sit and enjoy the ride down Broad Street during the Homecoming parade.

Pantherettes.First row: Jenny Clark, Mindy Davis, Noel Grudzien,Jenni Cebulski.Second row: Jen Kerr, Adrienne Bogielski,Cindy Knezevich,Diana Davis, LeeAnna Barber.Third row: Shellie Linders,Angie Matson,Sarah Kroosyk,Lori Lee Kilgore,Jodi Haack, Amy Bishop,Jackie Acosta.Fourth row:Debbie Bombin,Alicia Kristofek, Becky Yates, Bethany Minnix.

Front row:Darby Mosey, Michelle Gosser, Heather Devitt, Cheryl Heusing, Jennifer King, Ronda Meyers, MaryBeth Yonian, Rebecca Wojtaski, Jennifer Bingham. 2nd row: Keela Gootee, Jenny Gejewski, Gina Stapleton, LeeAnn Riese, Denise DeBoer, Natalie Pastor, Angie Skaggs, Lynn Katona, Jo Nahod, Michelle Higgins, Amy Hruskocy, Jennifer Matthews. 3rd row: Stacie Garrod, Danielle Dudek, Kellie Adams, Jennifer Kuck, Amiee Eriksen, Stephanie Kirk, Adrianne Bogielski, LeeAnna Barber, Melissa Harretos, Samantha Murrian, Melissa Maugherman, Ruthi Marvel. 4th row: Jen Kerr, Cindy Knezevich, Kim Woodall, Becky Dunay, Sarah Kroosyk, Kelley Gall, Ron Govert, Jasmine Rodriguez, Leslie Glover, Lisa Fonseca, Christine Buchstetler, Amy Will, Katie Ellison. 5th row: LoraLee Kilgore, Jodi Haack, Katie Gulotta, Becca Mazzeo, Katie Green, Natalie Bogielski, Jamie Bell, Stephanie Snyder, Leah Bultema, Laura Nichols. 6th row: Tracy Sines, Jenna Lehman, Tricia Roye, Noel Grudzien, Jennie Cebulski,Denise Thompson, Kellie Swejnoonks, Pat Vrehas, Elaine Healy, Diana Davis. 7th row: Missy Henrickson, Angie Kaufman, Tracy LaBuda, Holly Huddleson, [illegible], Shellie Linders, Debbie Bombon, Dana Navarro, [illegible]. 8th row: Jackie Acosta, Melissa Busovsky, Lindsey Friesed, Alicia Kristofek, Denise Castillo, Jen Clark, Angie Matson,Becky Yates.

Senior Pantherettes Noel Grudzien and Jenni Cebulski wait to perform at the town Pep Rally.

# Miscellaneous Clubs: LIGHT UP THE STAGE *or bowl a strike*

There is something other than sports and student government clubs that keep the student body involved with things.There are two other clubs out there that don't get that much attention.These are the Bowling club and the Stage crew.

The Bowling club was an after-school organization that met on Wednesdays at Plaza Lanes in Highland.They met for two hours each session.The club was formed to give students a chance to bowl in an organized manner.

"I liked being part of the bowling club because it was fun."said Senior Kirsten Anderson."We had a really good time together."

Throughout the year,Griffith has many Band,Choir And Drama productions.Each of these performances need some measure of lighting,props and sound reproduction.There is one group that controls it all.They are the Stage Crew.The Stage Crew members are the ones responsible for building props,setting lighting and coordinating sound and microphones.

"I like stage crew because it allows me to use my imagination when building props."said senior Andy Haskins.

Junior Christine Fisher agreed,"I enjoy being a part of the Stage Crew.We like talking and goofing off with the props."

"It was a good time.It was fun."added Junior Lorrainne Barenie.

Even though they may have had a good time, it is sometimes no easy task to do some of the things asked of them.

Haskins added,"Working on stage crew is hard but worth it when you see the finished product."

*-By Jim Dwyer-*

*Photos by Jill Littlefield*

Senior Andy Haskins operates the auxillary light board backstage during a show.

Senior Sam Radici takes his turn at getting a strike during a game.

Senior Brent Messmer and Sophomore Joe Potesta move stage prompts around before a show.

Senior Bob Potosky keeps score during a heated bowling game.

Stage Crew.First row:Missy Hendrickson,Nikki Manno. Second row:Gretchen Gasper,Lorrainne Barenie, Christine Fisher,Alyssa Yerga.Third row:Jason Swinson, Michelle Higgins,Jackie Kuss,Beth Moriss -on,Carrie Kitchens.Fourth row:Andy Haskins,Laura Grasch

Bowling Club.First row:Jeff Ready.Kirsten Anderson,Ed Bukowski,Candie Hall,MissyHendrickson,Ronda Meyers. Second row:Kristi Flatter,Christine Canady,Dawn Cothr-an ,Rebecca Wisinski,C.W Gleim,Laura Cole,Jenny Szepjnowski.Third row:Nikki Manno,Gretchen Gaspar, Gina Covarrubius,Jackie Kuss,Erik Anderson,Cathy Higu--et,Robert Varichak,Tina Wilcox.Fourth row:Robert Poto--ski,Dewey Cassioday,Samuel Ridici,Andy Haskins,Bob Pillarchek,Bob Gotschammer,Jason Swinson,Tim Orzecho--owski.

# Student Council TAKES CHARGE OF *extras*

Student government has always played a key part of life at G.H.S. Whether it was the big things like like Prom, Turnabout and Spirit Week to the "little" things like Santa-Grams, Food Drive and the Service Auction. Someone had to coordinate all of it. This task fell on GHS's government clubs, consisting of Student Council and the individual class councils.

The council partakes in many in-school and community projects each year such as Santa-Grams, Homecoming, the car wash, and the state student council convention. Community projects include the Service Auction, with all proceeds going to the Griffith Emergency Relief Fund, and a community - wide food drive.

"This year, the Sophomore class council participated in Homecoming events and Turnabout plans." said sophomore Jo Nahod.

Senior Denise Castillo said,"Student Council plays a big part in Homecoming activities by coordinating Activities Night, Spirit Week and the Homecoming parade. Also we Sponsor at least two dances a year."

However, not all of these projects go smoothly and easily. One such case was Homecoming.

"Homecoming was the hardest project of the year,"said senior Kevin Kozuch. " There are a lot of things to do and little time to do them all."

Junior Melissa Busovsky agreed,"Everything for Homecoming week would be all planned out, but something little would go wrong and plans would have to be scrapped."

Castillo also agreed, "Most of the members of Student Council are also in other organizations so individual time was limited. Plus, there is always pressure to outdo last years activities."

Outdoing last year doesn't end at homecoming activities. This year the use of parliamentary procedure was introduced, and more student involvement was encouraged.

"We had a great group of students in Council this year,"said Castillo. "Attendance at meetings varied along with committee volunteers, but overall we tried to get everyone involved."

*-Jim Dwyer-*

*Photos By Jill Littlefield*

Various students sit and learn about the next activity during a student council morning meeting.

Seniors Bill Junkin,Rob Wlazlo, and Mike Toth carry the panther out to the senior float.

Sophomore Keela Gootee sits and eats pizza at a Student Council - sponsored pizza party.

Sophomore Class Council.First row: Gavin Reyome,Dan Bartnicki,Tricia Paul,Joe Potesta.Second row: Shannon Bopp,Jo Nahod,Keela Gootee,Becca Mazzoco,Laura Cole, Holly Huddleston.Third row: Dana Navarro,Lakeysha Clay, Bethany Minnix,Natalie Pastar,Luke Dalach,Gina Covarrubias,Leah Bultima.

Junior Class Council.First row: Jenna Leahman,LoraLee Kilgore, Kelley Gall,Mitch Ensign.Second row: Kellie Adams,Mindy Davis, Angie Matson,Rebecca Duney.Third row: Sarah Kroosyk,Leslie Biscan,Danielle Dudek,Kim Woodall. Fourth row: Christine Fisher, Melissa Busovsky,Lindsey Friend,Jackie Acosta,Dan Pastar.

Senior Class Council. Front row:Noel Grudzien, Denise Castillo, Jenny Havlin, Jenny Clark Second row: Kirsten Anderson, Jen Romano, Scott Leslie, Rob Wlazlo, Jenni Cebulski, Third row: Rebecca Wisinski, Jill Littlefield, Elaine Healy, Kevin Kozuch, Neil Miklusak, Last row: Becky Furman, Jen Kerr, Mr. Thornton, Denise Thompson

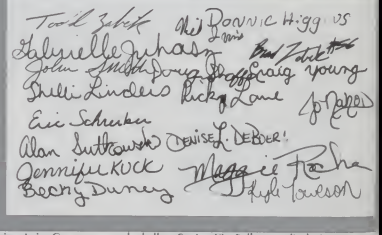
Student Council First row:Jill Littlefield,Denise DeBoer,Keela Kozuch, Denise Castillo, Sarah Kroosyck, Second row: Amy Bishop,Lindsey Friend, Kelley Gall, Becky Duney, Jen Romano, Jackie Acosta, Third row: Melissa Busovsky, Katie Green, Leah Bultema, Becca Mazzoco, Angie Matson, Noel [illegible], Jen Kerr, Fourth row: Luke Dalach, Kevin Daugherty, Kyle [illegible], Neil Miklusak, [illegible] Lehmann, Candie Hall, Gina Covarrubias, Debbie Bombas, [illegible] Rob Wlazlo, Natalie Pastar, Keela Gootee, Holly Huddleston, [illegible], LoraLee Kilgore, Jenny Rutte, Sandy Knopsnyder

# We got it in . . .

Running, jumping, dribbling, swimming, and kicking are some of the things done in sports. It takes great concentration and conditioning to get ready for a sport. Sports rose up above previous years with improvements in football, wrestling, basketball, and boys track.

It started off with the football season. The team won Sectionals for the second year in a row, and took the Regional title for the first time in Griffith's history and progressed to Semi-State. The winter sports improved as well. The Wrestling team won a Regional for the first time and also sent five wrestlers to Semi-State. The basketball team's record marked up more wins. Griffith's sports improved overall in the process of getting it together.

## Sports



Left: Junior Anita Garnet passes the ball to Senior Kim Fulkerson displaying team work during the game. Right: Griffith Defense lines up against the Highland Trojans during the Homecoming game.

"It was a heart-breaker knowing we were winning 21-7 and had Dwenger on their butts."

*Senior Neil Miklusak*

Griffith's Black Magic pulled in first Regional win,

# Pass and Play

second sectional title in a row, and a fourth place ranking in the state.

What motto comes to mind at the sound of Griffith Football? "Bad to the Bone." Throughout the town of Griffith, sweatshirts, t-shirts, shorts, jackets, hats, blankets, towels, and umbrellas were flaunted around by proud football players, students, parents, and fans during football season.

The team set many new school records. They won Regionals for the first time ever in Griffith history. Other records were as follows: Most points scored in a year-466-which averaged 38.3 points per game; Most total offense-4,108 yards-which averaged 342.2 yards per game; Rushing yards for the season-3,253 yards; and Team rushing per carry-6.7 yards.

The regular season started out as an unpredictable one. Their first scheduled game with Horace Mann was cancelled, so they played a Black and Gold game. After the first two games against Lowell and Munster were shutout by Griffith's "Black Magic," they faced the Crown Point Bulldogs. The Panthers' only loss was to Crown Point by one point in overtime. Senior Halfback (offense) and Outside Linebacker (defense) Russ Dewes said, "We knew that Crown Point would be tough against us, but we also knew it would be a good game."

Once the team soared past Calumet, they came to the next challenge-Lake Central. The Panthers won the game by one point due to a two-point conversion caught by junior Halfback (offense) and Defensive Back (defense) Jerry Farrar. The Homecoming game against Highland was a shutout 41-0. The final game was against Kankakee Valley, which was dominated by the Panthers.

Griffith walked away from the regular season with a 6-1 record and 264 points scored against their

## INSTANT Replay

SCORES

Varsity Football

| | GHS | Opp |
|---|---|---|
| Lowell | 32 | 0 |
| Munster | 47 | 0 |
| Crown Point | 19 | 20 |
| Lake Central | 15 | 14 |
| Highland | 41 | 0 |
| Kankakee Valley | 56 | 7 |
| Sectionals: | | |
| New Prairie | 62 | 6 |
| Gavit | 64 | 0 |
| Bishop Noll | 34 | 0 |
| Regionals: | | |
| Angola | 21 | 8 |
| Semi-State: | | |
| Dwenger | 21 | 27 |


While deciding a play, the players huddled together. The team pulled together in the season, which helped them to win many games.

Senior Scott Leslie stands depressed on the sidelines during the fourth quarter of the Semi-State game.
*(. Littlefield)*

Seniors Todd Leslie, Scott Sutton, and Rikky Burks all go to tackle a Highland Trojan as he was carrying the ball.
*(J. Littlefield)*

Senior Russ Dewes runs with the ball for a touchdown during the Homecoming game against Highland.
*(J. Littlefield)*

Junior Kyle Toweson and Senior Todd Leslie run through the Cheerleaders and Pantherettes lined up on the field before the game.

Back Row: Athletic Director Jim Bartlett,Coaches Dick Reyome, Les Thornton Bob Komara, JimKiechle, Steve Wroblewski, Craig Adelsperger. 5th row: Larry Parker, Jim Anderson Doug Schaffer, Scott Sutton, Adam Smith, Corey Lamb, Darryl Carstensen, Ken Konopasek, Lisa Fonseca. 4th row: Becky Chandler, Jeremy Worosz, Carl Rentschler,Nate Guy, Chad Sutton Jim Bogner,Nate Miklusak,Todd Zabek, Becky Rodriguez. 3rd row: Mike Hernandez,Donny Higgins, Scott Mauch, Eric Schreiber, Scott Schaller, Adam Eisensee, Mike Cox, Kyle Toweson. 2nd row: Amy Will, Ryan Hoover,Brad Zabek,Russ Dewes, Neil Miklusak Rikky Burks, Jerry Farrar,Mike Serratore,Christine Hochstetler. First row: Don Wassermann, Scott Leslie,Jerry Murdock, Scott Sherry, Rick Jerome, Todd Leslie, Andy Wroblewski, Paul Mitchell.

Senior Eric Schrieber has a conversation with coach Thornton on the sidelines of the field.

Junior Scott Sherry looks for a player to pass to in the game against Noll.
*(J. Littlefield)*

Senior Don Wassermann carries the ball towards the goal to help gain yardage.
*(J. Littlefield)*

After winning the sectional game against Noll, the players rejoice and take pride in their IHSAA Sectional Trophy.
*(J. Littlefield)*

Junior Paul Mitchell holds the ball in place for Senior Scott Sutton to kick it.
*(J. Littlefield)*

# Pass and Play continued . . .

opponent's 47. Senior Defensive End (defense) and Guard (offense) Rikky Burks said,"We had such a winning season because we were just that much better than the teams we played. Looking at the team, we were really confident in winning."

The team entered sectionals with a lot of spirit and confidence. The first game against New Prairie was a victory of 62-6 for Griffith. The next two games were the coldest two of the year. Both were played on home turf, which were advantages for the team. Griffith shutout Hammond Gavit 64-0. They also shutout Bishop Noll for the Sectional title 34-0.

The team then got psyched up for Regionals. The game was at Angola, which was 150 miles away. The stands were filled with dedicated fans. "We had some truly dedicated fans. For all those people to travel 150 miles to Angola to watch high school football showed how much the community was behind us," said head coach Les Thornton. The game had many penalties, but the team pulled through another successful victory of 21-8 giving them the Regional trophy for the first time for Griffith High School. "It was really exciting winning Regionals. We made history here; We did something no one else ever did," said senior Offensive Guard(offense) and Defensive Tackle(defense) Rick Jerome.

The town, coaches, and teachers then decided to hold an evening pep-rally in honor of the Semi-State game that was to be played.It was held the night before the big game against Dwenger. Football players, students, parents, faculty, and other fans joined in to hype the team up. It was an enjoyable event that the whole community took place in. "The pep-rally was really exciting. After the pep-rally, I was ready to play Dwenger right then," said senior Halfback (offense) and Cornerback (defense) Don Wassermann.

"The pep-rally was an inspiration for the football players as well as the community. Griffith football bonded with the community because of the pep-rally,"said senior Outside Linebacker (defense) and Fullback (offense) Scott Leslie.

At the Semi-State game, the stands were full of people on both sides. In the first quarter, Senior Todd Leslie scored first with a 54-yard touchdown run. By the third quarter, the Panthers led Dwenger 21-7. In the fourth quarter, Dwenger brought out their "flex offense." Griffith wasn't expecting it, so it threw them off. The season ended for Griffith against Dwenger 27-21. "Nobody was overconfident in that game, but we tried our hardest. Everyone knew we had to play our best game," said senior Fullback (offense) and Inside Linebacker (defense) Todd Leslie.

"It was a very emotional game for all of us. We were minutes away from state and we lost," said junior Quarterback (offense) and Safety (defense) Scott Sherry.

Senior Offensive Tight End (offense) and Defensive End (defense) Neil Miklusak said,"It was a heartbreaker knowing we were winning 21-7 and had Dwenger on their butts. They used the Flex Offense, which we hadn't seen since the Crown Point game. They used it effectively against us."

"We did everything we could have done in that game and we still got beat. I guess God didn't want us to win that game, but this year was still the baddest season GHS has ever had," said Burks.

All in all, the year turned out to be a winning one, eventhough the team didn't go all the way to State. 'This year was a tremendous year. You're always gonna suffer a loss in playoffs if you don't go all the way to state. The team had a great season, said Thornton.

*by Dedra Rutherford*

Senior Don Wassermann carries the ball for a touchdown.
*J. Littlefield*

Seniors Neil Miklusak and Don Wassermann both join in to tackle a team member from Highland This year Miklusak made First Team All State
*J. Littlefield*

"A goal as a team we accomplished was that we beat some teams that we didn't the year before."

*Senior Kim Fulkerson*

Volleyball team ended season with a good feeling

# Over the Net

## Making the year's events memorable

The Lady Panthers started all psyched up. Conditioning started in the summer to get the girls prepared for their season. The varsity team contained three seniors, seven juniors, one sophomore, and two freshmen.

Volleyball is active sport that keeps the player constantly moving and watching the ball. "Volleyball is my favorite sport. I love the action and competition. It keeps me moving when I'm on the court," said sophomore Jo Nahod.

The team's physical size was rather small. Many of the schools that the team played were larger or taller. "Height-wise we were a small team, but we overcame that with good serving," said senior Kim Fulkerson.

The teammates worked hard individually, but needed to work well as a team. Junior Leslie Biscan said,"Volleyball is pretty much a team sport. Teamwork is needed in order to play well."

The team's season turned out to be a good one. They improved in teamwork and serving looked good as well. "I feel that my serving came along really well. That was one of many goals I had, and I accomplished that one this year," said Nahod.

Fulkerson said,"A goal as a team we accomplished was we beat some teams that we didn't the year before."

The season came to an end quickly. After all the work of serving, spiking, and bumping, the team lost their first sectional game to Crown Point. "We tried our best, but we just couldn't get it together," said Fulkerson.

The outcome of the year had its ups and downs. "The season went pretty well overall. It seemed like for every game we won, we lost one too," said Biscan.

*by Dedra Rutherford*

### INSTANT Replay

**SCORES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Hammond High | W |
| Hammond Gavit | W |
| Andrean | L |
| Hebron | L |
| Clark | W |
| Hobart | W |
| Lake Station | W |
| River Forest | W |
| Calumet | W |
| ECC | W |
| Merrillville | L |
| Munster | L |
| West Side | L |
| Highland | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Lake Central | L |
| Lowell | L |
| Crown Point | L |

After missing the shot, the girls on the team showed their disappointment. *(D. Davis)*

Sophomore Anita Garnet serves the ball to the opposite team. Serving was a strong point for the team this year. *(D. Davis)*

Senior Tricia Roye steps up to bump the ball over to the other side. Tricia won Best Defense on the team this year. *(D. Davis)*

Back Row: Coach Don Whittemore, Leslie Biscan, Jenna Lehmann, Kathy Gulotta, Julie Ellison, Casey Biscan, Coach Almay. 2nd Row: Bridget Butler, Becky Duney, Tricia Roye, Anita Garnet. Front Row: Kim Woodall, Kim Stanford, Jennifer Kuck, Kim Fulkerson, Jo Nahod.

"I did a lot better this year, and I'm hoping to do that much better next year."

*Sophomore Amanda Hill*

Girls Swim team splashed their way through the

# Up for Air

## year with a record of 7-6 and good placings

The girls swimming team struggled their way through the season. The decrease in team members caused troubles for the team, but with teamwork they pulled through. "I feel our season went really well. If you looked at our record, you couldn't tell we only had eight people on the team and we were swimming against schools with thirty," said sophomore Amanda Hill.

"With only eight people on the team we were breaking a lot of school records," said sophomore Amiee Boswinkle.

The team consisted of one junior, four sophomores, and three freshmen, which made it a young team. They developed experience throughout the year. "We did really well this year. I was pleased because we had a very young team, but we all learned to work together," said sophomore Angie Gillespie.

### INSTANT Replay SCORES

| | |
|---|---|
| Merrillville | L |
| Lowell | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| East Chicago | W |
| Munster | L |
| Hobart | W |
| Hammond High | W |
| N. Judson | W |
| N. Newton | W |
| Lowell Invite | 4th |
| Kankakee Valley | L |
| Highland | L |
| Lk Suburban Conf. | 6th |
| Hammond High | W |
| Griffith Invite | 2nd |
| Gavit | W |
| Sectional | 6th |

The small team worked together trying to set individual and school records. "I did a lot better this year and I'm hoping to do that much better next year," said Hill.

"Some particular goals I had was to break old records and set new ones," said junior Rebecca Schoon.

"We had a lot of talented, strong-willed, and dedicated people this year, which is really important with a team of only eight people. This helped a lot, and that's what let us have close meets with schools like Lowell and Highland," concluded Hill.

*by Dedra Rutherford*

Sophomore Jamie Govert gasps for air as she comes up while doing the breast stroke. *(J. Littlefield)*


Sophomore Amanda Hill does a backward pike in a swim meet. *(J. Littlefield)*


Sophomore Amiee Boswinkle takes off at the sound of the gun. *(J. Littlefield)*

Amanda Hill, Amiee Boswinkle, Jamie Govert, Rebecca Schoon, Kristina Pikus, Aimee Willis, Amy Taylor. *(D. Davis)*

Cross Country teams run far distances to get good

# Going the Distance

## times as both teams suffer hard times

You can just put on a pair of shoes and run on the streets."

*Senior Jim Lattin*

There's nothing like a jog through the woods on a peaceful day. Basically, this is all that takes place in Cross Country. It's an easy sport that doesn't require much other than knowing how to run. "Running is a very enjoyable pasttime that takes no real skill. You can just put on a pair of shoes and run on the streets," said senior Jim Lattin.

"In Cross Country, everyone competing is against the clock," said Boys Cross Country Coach Ron Divjak.

The Boys Cross Country team had few members as compared to the competition from other schools. "Griffith is not a strong school in Cross Country. We need more people to come out in order to do better. Griffith's Cross Country team did not place too well during the season. Also, we really didn't get a lot of practice done over the summer. We needed more work before the season started," said Lattin.

**INSTANT Replay**

**SCORES**

Boys Cross Country Scores

| | |
|---|---|
| Griffith Invite | 11th |
| Lowell | L |
| Merrillville | L |
| Andrean | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Bishop Noll | L |
| Calumet | W |
| Lake Central | W |
| Munster | L |
| Conference | 4th |
| Sectionals | 6th |
| Regionals | Jim Lattin<br>Dave Knestrict |
| Semi-State | Jim Lattin |

The Girls Cross Country team runs one race that is 2.5 miles long. To be able to compete in a race five runners must be entered. There were six members on the team, but they were counted as incomplete because of injuries. "Our team never had five runnings (due to injuries); therefore, we could not score as a team. We could, however, compete individually," said Coach Jeremiah.

Both teams had difficulties, but overcame them.

*by Dedra Rutherford*

Sophomore C.W. Gleim tiredly runs towards the finish line during a meet. *(J. Littlefield)*

Sophomore Tom Murray dashes through the woods while running during a meet. *(J. Littlefield)*

Sophomore Dana Navarro stretches out before running. Stretching makes your muscles limber so that you are less likely to hurt yourself while running. *(J. Littlefield)*

Senior Doug Gillespie sprints happily to the end. Knowing he is almost at the end gives him the boost of energy that he needs.
*(J. Littlefield)*

Junior Marcello Garcia runs towards the finish line after his long run.
*(J. Littlefield)*

Back row: Jenny Reder, Jamie Benson, Rachael Luptak, Coach Kelly Jeremiah. Front row: Harmony Reyome, Dana Navarro, Jennie Meece.
*(J. Littlefield)*

Back row: Coach Ron Divjak. 2nd row: Marcello Garcia, Tom Murray, C.W. Gleim, Dave Knestrict, Adolfus Shannen Russel Fitter. Front row: John Korba, Doug Gillespie, Jim Lattin, Scott Cherven, Rich Korba *(J. Littlefield)*

The Boys Tennis Team falls short of players

# Just A Swinging

## but swings through the year with a good season

"I thought we were pretty good for the amount of people that we had."

*Junior Matthew Rubacha*

Tennis is one of the many small, but strong teams at Griffith. The boy's young tennis team pulled through with only two seniors. The majority of the team consisted of juniors and sophomores who were struggling their way through the season with little experience.

"I thought we were pretty good for the amount of people that we had,"said junior Matthew Rubacha.

The team was small, but talent outweighed it. They played good games, but were outnumbered by bigger schools such as Andrean, Crown Point, and Lake Central. "All in all it wasn't a bad season, but I think that everyone on the team believes we could have had a better one,"said sophomore Ricky Lane.

In the game the players either played single or doubles. The only person who had played singles the previous year was senior Vlado Trivunovic. Other players had to switch to singles. Switching around wasn't the hard part, but having enough players was.

Going into sectionals, the team was prepared. The first sectional game was against Calumet. The second game was lost to Crown Point. "One of the team's goals was to win sectionals. Everyone tried and then we played Crown Point who we had already lost to during the regular season. Since they were such a big school their number of players outweighed our number of players,"said Rubacha.

*by Dedra Rutherford*

### INSTANT Replay

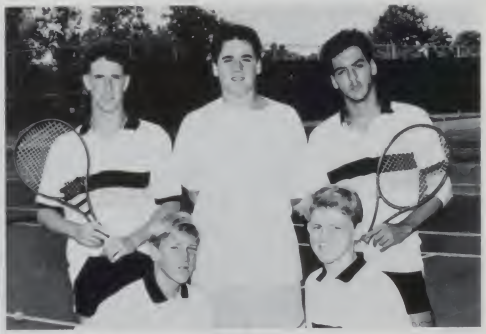
| SCORES | |
|---|---|
| Andrean | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Morton | L |
| Munster | L |
| Gavit | W |
| Calumet | W |
| Lowell | L |
| Highland | L |
| Hammond High | W |
| River Forest | W |
| Lake Station | W |
| Lake Central | L |
| West Side | W |
| E.C Central | W |
| Gary Wirt | W |
| Sectionals | |
| Calumet | W |
| Crown Point | L |

Senior Vlado Trivunovic moves forward to return the ball. *(J. Littlefield)*

Junior Joe Gonzales approaches the ball to hit it to his opponent. *(J. Littlefield)*

Foreign Exchange student Bruno Carre runs forward to save the ball. *(J. Littlefield)*

Freshman Phil Bise backhands the ball towards the other side of the net. *(J. Littlefield)*



Back row: Larry Atkins, Ilija Matoski, Vlado Trivunovic. Front row: Scott Doctor, Rick Lane. Senior High Students not pictured: Joe Gonzales, Matthew Rubacha.

"This year we played more as a team . and we also had a better defense."

*Junior Scott Sherry*

The basketball team shows improvement with

# Sink that Shot

## a better year due experienced basketball players

The basketball team hooped a great year for the 1991-92 Basketball season. The majority of the team was upperclassmen, giving them an advantage towards the opposition in experience. "We had more experienced players, which helped us a lot. The team altogether was close, and we have been working together as a team for a long time," said junior Ron Govert.

They started off with a major bang, winning the first two games of the season. "This year we played more as a team. We also had a better defense," said junior Scott Sherry.

As the regular season passed on by, the team's hard practices paid off by their winning 5 games out of 10. Throughout the season, the team stayed half in half in their victories and losses. By the end of the regular season, their record stood at 10-10. "There were a lot of games we should have won. In most of them, we were winning the whole game until the very end and then we would fall apart," said junior Jason Matthews.

Once Sectionals began, the guys were excited to win. Winning Sectionals was a goal for many members of the team. Sherry said,"Two goals we had were to improve on our record from last year, which we did, and to try to win Sectionals. In that game we thought we had a chance, but we lost it."

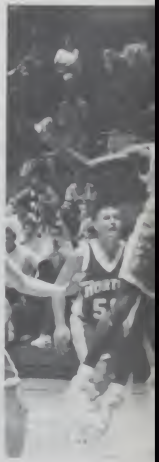
The team ended the year with an overall record of 10-11.

*by Dedra Rutherford*

### INSTANT Replay SCORES

| | Gms | Opp |
|---|---|---|
| Hammond Marian | 58 | 51 |
| Hanover Central | 71 | 55 |
| Highland | 48 | 69 |
| Lake Station | 49 | 58 |
| Whiting | 60 | 53 |
| Kankakee Valley | 62 | 57 |
| Calumet | 65 | 91 |
| Wheeler | 52 | 65 |
| Crown Point | 57 | 61 |
| Hebron | 58 | 50 |
| Hobart | 42 | 62 |
| Lake Central | 59 | 87 |
| River Forest | 82 | 67 |
| Munster | 71 | 66 |
| Lowell | 60 | 58 |
| Chesterton | 49 | 59 |
| Calumet | 59 | 63 |
| Hammond Clark | 74 | 60 |
| Hammond Gavit | 78 | 69 |
| Marquette | 54 | 69 |
| Sectionals | | |
| Morton | 56 | 66 |


Junior Ron Govert fakes out the opposition as he looks for a teammate to pass to. *(J. Littlefield)*

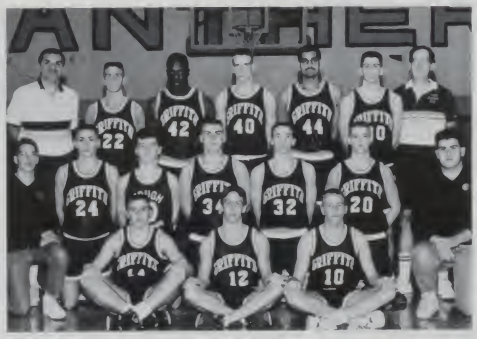


Junior Kyle Toweson tries to shoot as a Morton player does his best to block. *(J. Littlefield)*

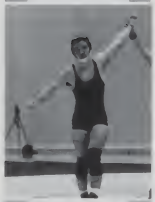
Junior Jason Matthews slowly dribbles towards the basket hoping to score. *(J. Littlefield)*

Senior Todd Kosteba goes up to shoot the ball during the game against Highland. *(J. Littlefield)*

Keeping his eyes on the ball, senior Ed Halajcsik guards his opponent in order to bring the Panthers to a victory. *(J. Littlefield)*



Back row: Coach Ron Divjak, Roger Helfen, Joe Williams, Kyle Toweson, Jessi Sahi, Todd Kosteba, Coach Bob Hastings. 2nd row: Matt Rubacha, Ruben Hernandez, Matt Fech, Jason Harder, Scott Sherry, Ron Govert, Dan Pastar. Front row: Jason Matthews, Ed Halajcsik, Chad Sutton.



"It's a good sport to take your frustration out on people that is legal."

*Senior Scott Leslie*

Accomplishing things never done, the wrestling

# On the Mat

team ended with a Sectional and Regional win

The wrestling team pulled off a great season in the 1991-92 school year. For the first time at Griffith High, the team won Sectionals and Regionals, and had the most people to qualify for both. Also, the team won the Calumet meet for the first time since 1967. The overall record for the senior dominated team was 18-4(and 2nd in Conference)—one of the best in the school's history.

For many, wrestling is an individual sport. Every match relies upon the individual, which in the end makes the meet a victory or loss. Also, it's a good sport to releive stress or anxiety. Senior Scott Leslie said, "It's a good sport to take your frustration out on people that is legal."

## INSTANT Replay

SCORES

| | GRIF | OPP |
|---|---|---|
| Whiting | 38 | 27 |
| North Newton | 57 | 12 |
| River Forest | 51 | 18 |
| Lew Wallace | 57 | 15 |
| Gavit | 41 | 36 |
| Gary Roosevelt | 42 | 34 |
| Lowell | 46 | 20 |
| Crown Point | 21 | 43 |
| E. C. Central | 27 | 36 |
| Highland | 61 | 9 |
| Lowell | 40 | 27 |
| Wirt | 58 | 9 |
| West Side | 54 | 18 |
| Kankakee Valley | 30 | 39 |
| Calumet | 35 | 28 |
| Munster | 38 | 28 |
| Michigan City | 50 | 16 |
| Clark | 43 | 17 |
| S. B. Washington | 28 | 36 |
| Lake Station | 43 | 28 |
| Lowell | 41 | 22 |
| Lake Central | 39 | 22 |

With seven seniors, the team was more experienced and showed a lot of leadership. Having all the seniors gave the team the boost they needed to have such a winning record for the year. "This year's team was a senior-oriented team. Out of those seven seniors, four of them won both Sectionals and Regionals and progressed to Semi-State," said senior Todd Leslie.

The coaches showed enthusiasm toward the team and kept them in shape with hard practices, which in the end paid off. "The coaches worked us very hard in practice, and I think a lot of times we were in better shape than a lot of our opponents," said senior Neil Miklusak.

*by Dedra Rutherford*

Senior Scott Leslie grabs his opponent by the leg hoping to get him on his back for a pin. *(J. Littlefield)*

Senior Donnie Higgins traps his opponent underneath him during a meet. *(J. Littlefield)*

Junior Nate Miklusak tries to flop his opponent onto his back for an easy win. *(J. Littlefield)*

Junior Fabian Martinez flips his opponent on his back in an attempt toescape his negative situation. *(J. Littlefield)*

Senior Todd Leslie struggles to win the match against his opponent by trapping him on bottom. *(J. Littlefield)*

Back row: Coach Scott Hendron, Donnie Higgins (171), Mike Hernandez (135), Neil Miklusak (Heavyweight), Nate Miklusak (189), Mike Toth (145), Chris Mares. 2nd row: Todd Leslie (160), Fabian Martinez (130), Scott Leslie (152), Rick Lane (140). Front row: Jon Navarro (119), Jeff Messmer (112), Brian Galocy (125), Marcello Garcia (103).

Junior Anita Garnet heads toward the basket hoping to score for the Panthers. *(J. Littlefield)*

Senior Kim Fulkerson dribbles the ball as she tries to avoid the opposition. *(J. Littlefield)*

Back row: Kellie Adams, Anita Garnet, Jenna Lehman, Leslie Biscan, Tricia Roye Coach Craig Adelsperger. 2nd row: Nancey Jamison, Sandie Bronson, Wede Shannon, Donielle Rettig. Front row: Jennifer Kuck, Dana Navarro, Kim Fulkerson.

With only two seniors, the girls basketball team

# Down the Court

## suffered hard times with a young team

The Lady Panthers played their hearts out in Girls Basketball during the 1991-92 school year. The team was a young one, only containing two seniors, who were two of the few that was experienced with Varsity. The girls didn't quite make .500, but the games came very close at times.

The team all kept good attitudes throughout the season, helping their mental playing better. The team had some weak points, one being a young, inexperienced team. "Most of the players were young (juniors) and inexperienced. Even though we were inexperienced, I felt that we had good senior leadership but Kim and Tricia," said junior Jenna Lehman.

Another weak point was inconsistency. "Some games we would have high percentages, and then in others we would have low percentage games," said Lehman.

Some better points for the team was their good attitudes about the games and their powerful defense. "Our team consists of smaller people compared to the other schools, such as Lake Central who has bigger and taller girls. What made us good is that we were small and quick and we had a good defense," said senior Kim Fulkerson.

Recipiants of outside awards are as follows: Wheeler All-Tournament team, Sectional Team, and 2nd Team All-Conference, Jenna Lehman; and All Conference Honorable Mention, Kim Fulkerson.

*by Dedra Rutherford*

### INSTANT Replay SCORES

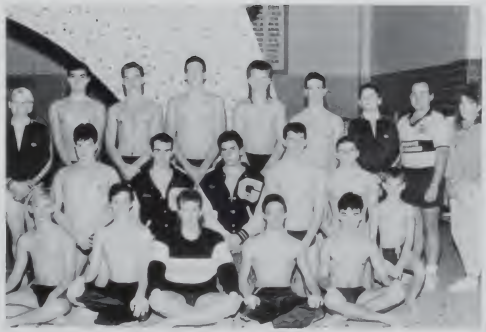
| | LHS | OPP |
|---|---|---|
| Hebron | 36 | 70 |
| Hanover Central | 40 | 58 |
| Hammond Morton | 46 | 39 |
| Lake Central | 22 | 75 |
| Lake Station | 31 | 18 |
| Chesterton | 34 | 70 |
| Wheeler | 36 | 42 |
| Hammond High | 37 | 50 |
| Munster | 28 | 49 |
| Highland | 48 | 55 |
| Hammond Gavit | 44 | 39 |
| Calumet | 56 | 44 |
| Lowell | 43 | 44 |
| Hammond Clark | 41 | 39 |
| Crown Point | 26 | 82 |
| Whiting | 23 | 36 |
| Sectionals | | |
| Munster | 28 | 45 |

"What made us good was that we were small and quick."

*Senior Kim Fulkerson*

With great concentration, junior Jenna Lehman takes a shot from the Free-Throw Line for an extra point. *(J. Littlefield)*

Junior Sandie Bronsontries to block a shot from the opposition. Bronson was voted most improved on the team this year. *(J. Littlefield)*



Back row: Adam Schrader, Luke Dalach, Kevin Kozuch, Bob Pilarczyk, Matt McClure, Larry Atkins, Brad Chandler, Coach George Scott, Cristina Pikus. 2nd row: Mitch Ensign, Brian Pellitier, Brian Dominguez, Doug Gillespie, Ryan Kohut. Front row: Phil Bice, Nick Hawkins, Brent Butler, Tom Murray, Russ Fliter, George Scott.

Swim team gets bigger in numbers, but is out-

# Making a Splash

## weighed by young and inexperienced swimmers

Senior Kevin Kozuch swims the Freestyle in hopes of getting a first place in the event. *(J. Littlefield)*

At the sound of the gun, the swimmers jump into the water trying their best to beat their competitors. Diving gracefully off the diving board in order to score the highest on a dive. Swimming as fast as the arms and legs can carry you down the length of the pool. These are all things the swim team does in their different events in order to win the meet.

The swim team started off with a lot of confidence. Having a lot more people made the team feel good about all the meets in the season. The only problem was that they were young and inexperienced. Having all the more swimmers did not justify the team in winning all their meets against the bigger schools. Senior Brent Butler said, "We had a lot more people than we did in the previous years. With all the new people, it made the team very inexperienced."

Trying to prove individually is just as hard as trying to improve as a team. Throughout the season, the team showed some major improvements. "Spiritwise we improved and we were more mentally into it. From the middle of the season till the end we took it more seriously and seemed to get along better as a team," said senior Kevin Kozuch.

"In swimming if you work hard, do the work out, and push yourself more and more, you can do very well," ended senior Adam Schroader.

*by Dedra Rutherford*

### INSTANT Replay

### SCORES

| | |
|---|---|
| Lowell | L |
| Munster | L |
| Rensselaer | L |
| Lew Wallace | W |
| Hobart | L |
| Morton-Gavit | L |
| Hammond High | W |
| Calumet | L |
| Horace Mann | W |
| Lake Central | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Kankakee Valley | L |
| Gary Roosevelt | W |
| East Chicago Central | L |
| Highland | L |

"In swimming if you work hard... you can do very well."

*Senior Adam Schroeder*

Senior Doug Gillespie backstrokes the length of the pool during a home meet. *(J. Littlefield)*

Junior Brian Dominguez dives off the platform when his relay teammate approaches him. *(J. Littlefield)*

"It was exciting qualifying for Regionals since it was my first time ever."

*Sophomore Jamie Benson*

As the team started out big and inexperienced, they

# Running a Mile

## struggled with mostly underclassmen to succeed

Starting out the year two months in advance, the girls track team began rather large. Throughout conditioning, many trackers were lost and the size of the team was reduced. The team was a rather young one that faced many obstacles in the future. The underclassmen dominated team gave it their best ending the season with a small, close-knitted team. "We were a team of friends, not just because we were small, but because the coaches helped us stick together," said junior Rachael Luptak.

Since the team had many inexperienced sprinters, high jumpers, long jumpers, dicus throwers, and shot putters, they suffered in scoring during the majority of the meets. Compared to the track teams of other schools, Griffith's was a mere minority. "They were so much bigger, that when we ran in a relay race, they had two teams compared to our one," said junior Rebecca Chandler.

When conditioning began in February, the girls trained hard and long while readying up for the short season ahead. They practiced in the rain and cold weather, which was tough for some of them. The training seemed to be difficult for many newcomers. Luptak said, "When you run, there is pain and the people running don't think they can handle this pain, so they give up. But even though running hurts while you are doing it, it pays off in the end by keeping you more in shape."

As the team entered Sectionals, they were hoping to do well while trying their hardest. The young team attempted to send some trackers to Regionals, but only one heeded the call. Sophomore Jamie Benson made Regionals by beating two other girls out through disqualification. Benson said, "It was really exciting qualifying for Regionals since it was my first time ever. I just hope next year I can do as well but go even a little bit farther."

*By Dedra Rutherford*

Freshman Roxanne Luptak lands safely after taking a jump during her event the High Jump. *(J. Littlefield)*

Sophomore Jamie Benson jogs around the track during a long distance event. *(J. Littlefield)*


Freshman Amy Taylor is helped by Freshman Jonna Vestal with the starting blocks during a meet. *(J. Littlefield)*

Freshman Tina Wilcox throws the discus as far as she can to get a good placing. *(J. Littlefield)*

Back row: Coach Kelly Jeremiah, Coach Sue Wiltfong, Jamie Benson, Rachael Luptak, Gabrielle Juhasz, Sarah Krooswyk, Roxanne Luptak, Sarah Sheppard. 2nd row: Nicole Rasile, Rebecca Chandler, Amy Taylor, Sarah Kozuch, Lorraine Barenie, Nancy Marsalek, Cherie Schurke. Front row: Jonna Vestal, Sarah Redar, Holly Huddleston, Lisa Smith, Jen Adame, Tina Wilcox, Tracy LaBuda. *(J. Littlefield)*

Softball team strikes it big for the year

# Running the Bases

## with an overall record of 14-9

"I think we fell apart because of the lack of discipline."

*Senior Korey Hrdina*

As the pitcher throws the ball, the batter squints her eyes because of the gleaming bright sun. She strikes the ball with a great force. It flies into left field. Running to first, the batter tries to beat the ball to the base. "Safe!"

This is what happens during a softball game with the Lady Panthers. For the softball team, they had five seniors and also was complete with additonal juniors and sophomores. Senior Korey Hrdina said,"We had a lot of ups and downs. I think we fell apart because of the lack of discipline and that's how we beat ourselves. At the end we had just started to get it together."

Making their way through the season, the team seemed to be inconsistent. As the season passed, the games would have good hitting one game and not in another. "We would either have a good defense and bad hitting or great hitting and a bad defense. When we lost, we always semmed to have close games, though, and were never really blown away,"said senior Kim Fulkerson.

"Our strong points were different from game to game. We had great batting at times along with great defense," said senior Tricia Roye.

A definite strong point for the team was pitching. "We all got along and had strong pitching, but it had its ups and downs, too," said junior Becky Duney.

The last sectional game against Lake Central was a tragic loss of 9-2. The girls finished the season with an overall record of 14-9. Roye said,"Ill miss playing at GHS because I feel I'm at my best when I play this sport--I enjoy the competition."

*by Dedra Rutherford*

### INSTANT Replay

| SCORES | |
|---|---|
| E.C. Central | W |
| Highland | W |
| Munster | L |
| Hobart | W |
| Lake Central | L |
| Crown Point | W |
| Calumet | W |
| Lowell | L |
| Highland | W |
| Hammond High | W |
| Munster | L |
| Lake Central | L |
| Crown Point | W |
| Bishop Noll | L |
| Calumet | W |
| Lowell | W |
| Andrean | W |
| Sectionals | |
| Crown Point | W |
| Lake Central | L |

Junior Kellie Adams tags one of her opponents as she slides into third base. *(J.Littlefield)*

Senior Kim Fulkerson goes to bunt the ball in order to run to first base. *(J. Littlefield)*

Junior Becky Duney begins to run towards first base after hitting the ball. During this year, Duney received Honorable Mention All Conference for First Base. *(J. Littlefield)*

During a huddle, the team gets together to discuss their next play. *(J. Littlefield)*

Back row: Jo Nahod, Coach Bruce Turner, Leslie Biscan, Jenna Lehman, Lisa Covarrubias, Debbie Bombin, Jennifer Turner, Emily Bacon, Cara Siegle, Loreen Batinic, Coach Tim Devitt. 3rd row: Tasie Cominos, Chris Canady, Nikki Manno, Lynn Katona, Sharon Rhyen, Aimee Willis, Kim Stanford, Jennifer Rossner, Shannon Medscer, Adrenna Salcedo. 4th row: Heather Devitt, Sandie Bronson, Jennifer Kuck, Kelly Adams, Amy Bishop, Becky Duney. Front row: Amiee Enokson, Korey Hrdina, Denise Castillo, Tricia Roye, Kim Fulkerson. *(J. Littlefield)*

"Finally, after going into Sectionals, we seemed to get ourselves together."

*Senior Scott Schaller*

Baseball bats out a season with season record

# Bases are Loaded

## of 11-15 and first Sectional win since 1977

During the 1992 baseball season, the boys baseball team did not strike out. They had a great year. The record during the regular season ended as 11-15, and in the Lake Suburban Conference ended 3-9, which was seventh place. The team practiced hard and toward the end of the year eventually started to look better. "We thought it would be a good year, then suddenly we would bounce back and forth between winning a few and losing a few games. Finally, after going into Sectionals, we seemed to get ourselves together. It turned out good since we won Sectionals," said senior Scott Schaller.

The Panthers won its first Sectional Title for the first time in about 15 years (since 1977).

**INSTANT Replay**

**SCORES**

| | GHS | OPP |
|---|---|---|
| Lake Station | 13 | 5 |
| Hobart | 4 | 8 |
| Hanover Central | 6 | 5 |
| Gary West | 10 | 2 |
| Wheeler | 3 | 1 |
| Highland | 0 | 6 |
| Munster | 2 | 7 |
| Lake Central | 7 | 9 |
| Crown Point | 2 | 11 |
| Calumet | 5 | 2 |
| Andrean | 8 | 22 |
| Lowell | 3 | 1 |
| Highland | 1 | 4 |
| Hammond Gavit | 4 | 14 |
| Munster | 5 | 6 |
| Gary Roosevelt | 9 | 1 |
| Lake Central | 4 | 5 |
| Crown Point | 10 | 13 |
| Hammond Clark | 11 | 2 |
| River Forest | 10 | 8 |
| Calumet | 6 | 7 |
| Lowell | 8 | 7 |
| Morton | 1 | 11 |
| Whiting | 9 | 8 |
| Hammond Noll | 6 | 7 |
| Chesterton | 6 | 7 |

"As long as we try, we can be a good team, not a great team. Some of our players did a real good job this year, especially Scott Sherry in the Sectional game against Munster," said Coach Jim Anderson.

Baseball is a sport in which skill is required. Many of the baseball players are skillfull in the game even before the season starts. That was how the team's performance was this year. They played with skill and it paid off in the end.

Junior Kevin Daugherty said,"I feel that the team members performed with lots of skill and dedication. We just didn't seem to have it together until the last few games, and it helped somewhat especially during Sectionals,but it didn't help our already set record for the season."

*by Dedra Rutherford*

Senior Steve Mitchuson gets ready to pitch the ball to the opposition. *(J.Littlefield)*

Catcher Junior Kyle Towe-son jumps up to catch the ball as it flies toward homeplate. *(J.Littlefield)*

Senior Steve Mitchuson swings at the ball hoping he will score a homerun. *(J. Littlefield)*

Junior Scott Sherry runs around the corner heading towards home plate in order to score a homerun. *(J. Littlefield)*

Back row: Scott Sherry, Steve Mitchuson, Kyle Toweson, Ron Govert, Barrett Starks, Coach Anderson. 2nd row: Natalie Bogielski, Ryan Hoover, Kevin Daughterty, Courts Jetton, Jeff O'Brien, Coach Foss. Front row: Jason Parsons, Bill Junkin, Scott Mauch, Scott Schaller, Sean Tucker.

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# Swings of Things

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"We had a lot of experience and that helped us have such a good season."

*Senior Tracy Sines*

Tennis is a sort of casual play or competition. It is a way to easily rid the body of stress by banging a ball back and forth over a net. But in this case, the tennis that applies would be competitive. The girls tennis team strived for a successful year and they all came out winners.

The team finished the regular season with a record of 9-5. "We started out tough, but there's always a few teams that can beat us, but we gave it our best," said junior Danielle Dudek. Going into sectionals they were ready to take on their opponents. The team consisted of mostly juniors. An advantage to having a lot of juniors was because most of them were on the team as freshman, so they had three years of experience. Senior Tracy Sines said, "Other than the juniors there was one senior (me) and a few sophomores. We had a lot of experience and that helped us have such a good season."

## INSTANT Replay

### SCORES

| | |
|---|---|
| Hobart | W |
| Morton | W |
| Hammond High | W |
| Wheeler | W |
| Crown Point | L |
| Munster | L |
| Calumet | W |
| Chesterton | L |
| Lowell | W |
| Highland | L |
| Andrean | L |
| Lake Central | W |
| E.C Central | W |
| Hanover Central | W |
| River Forest | W |
| Sectionals | |
| Crown Point | L |

For Sectionals, the team played Crown Point. They lost to the Bulldogs 3-2. After a hard game, their season ended with a record 9-6. "Although our record was a little disappointing, we had a lot of fun and an overall good season," said junior Kelley Gall.

"Even though our team did not finish off with the best record, our losses were to teams that had many seniors," said junior Lindsey Friend.

Awards were: Most Valuable Player and Second Team All Conference, Kelley Gall; Best Attitude, Tracy Sines; Most Improved and Honorable Mention, Jodi Haack. and Second Team All Conference, Lindsey Friend.

*by Dedra Rutherford*

Junior Danielle Dudek waits for the ball to cross the net during a doubles match. *(J. Littlefield)*

Junior Jodi Haack approaches the ball in order to hit it back to her opponent. *(D.Dudek)*

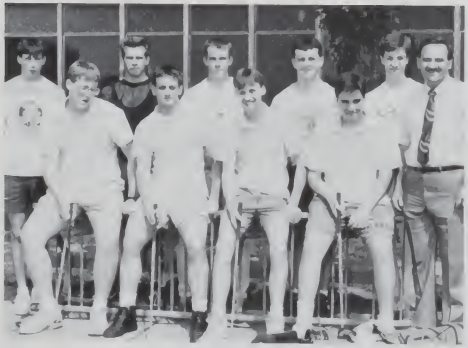
Junior Kelley Gall looks up at the ball to hit it back to the other side of the court. *(D. Dudek)*

Junior Jodi Haack jumps forward to hit the ball so she won't lose the match. *(D. Dudek)*

Back row: Linda Wilson, Lindsey Friend, Becca Mazzaco, Coach Tim Maluga, Tina Walker, Jodi Haack. 2nd row: Maggie Rocha, Jenny Riese, Kelley Gall, Nancy Jamison, Keela Gootee. Front row: Danielle Dudek, Tracy Sines.

Senior Mike Tanis draws back his golf club before striking the ball towards the hole. *(D. Dudek)*

Joining in on the game, coach Keith Shorb approaches the ball to putt into the hole. *(D.Dudek)*



Back row: Joe Serbentas, Eric Will, Brian Pellitier, Matt Fech, Jeff Ready.
Front row: Dan Bruss, Andy Wroblewski, Mike Tanis, Ilija Matoski, Coach Keith Shorb.

The golf team putts gradually through a season

# Hole in One

## finishing with an overall record of 7-14

With lots of concentration and strength, junior Mitch Ensign begins to tee off during a match. *(D. Dudek)*

Golf is a game of concentration. Concentration is vital in the game only because the golfer is always trying to putt a tiny golf ball into eighteen different holes scattered throughout the course. Senior Mike Tanis said,"I love the game of golf. It shows off my intellectual side. Indeed, it takes plenty of concentration, but the competition is out of this world."

Once you have the hang of the game, improvement is the next step. Most of the time, practice makes perfect, or at least it makes you more experienced. Junior Ilija Matoski said,"I like to play golf for an enjoyable pasttime. I play during the summer for practice and just for fun with my friends. I decided to play golf for the school in order to make me better as an individual golfer and for the competition against people my age from other schools."

**INSTANT Replay**

**SCORES**

| | Our | Opp |
|---|---|---|
| Gary Roosevelt | 187 | 227 |
| E.C. Central | | 254 |
| Portage | 181 | 167 |
| Andrean | 191 | 184 |
| Crown Point | 175 | 167 |
| Lowell | | 170 |
| Crown Point | 193 | 173 |
| Calumet | | 220 |
| Calumet | 186 | 225 |
| Highland | | 167 |
| Lake Central | 190 | 163 |
| Lowell | | 170 |
| Morton | 180 | 170 |
| Whiting | (Forfeit) | |
| Munster | 172 | 162 |
| Lake Central | | 161 |
| Highland | 211 | 170 |
| Munster | | 183 |
| Lake Station | 158 | 176 |
| Gavit | 180 | 199 |
| Merrillville | 181 | 176 |
| Lake Hills Invite | 380 | |
| (18 teams) | 12th place | |

The team had a rather long, hard season. They traveled to many courses to play against other schools. The team's major course was Sherwood Country Club. The overall record for the golf team was 7-14. They ended with a Conference record of 2-10. "Our season was difficult compared to others. We had small team and seemed to compete against schools who had much bigger teams. Hopefully, lots of practice will make us better for years to come," said junior Joe Serbentas.

*by Dedra Rutherford*

Senior Mike Tanis concentrates on hitting the ball into the hole. *(D.Dudek)*

Senior Andy Wroblewski position himself to putt the ball hoping to make the hole. *(D. Dudek)*

"Indeed, it takes plenty of concentration, but the competition is out of this world."

*Senior Mike Tanis*

"Our team started off slow and didn't pick up the pace until the end of the season."

*Senior Russ Dewes*

Soccer team struts stuff through season with

# Kick it Around

## confidence, good attitudes, and ball know-how

Soccer is a different type of sport: The players are not to use their hands, but they are to use their feet. Soccer is a sport that requires a great deal of running. During a game, the team members run the length of the field many times back and forth chasing around a little black and white ball.

"Our team started out slow and then didn't pick up the pace until the end of the season. As the season progressed, people had better attitudes and they seemed to practice harder," said senior Russ Dewes.

Once the season started to come to a close, the team buckled down and started working hard. Senior Mike Garvey said,"I believe the poor performance was a reflection of the control and teaching ability of the coaching staff. It seemed strange that the coaches tried to start disciplining us on the last week of our senior year."

"The soccer season this year was a little bit disappointing for the senior Russ Dewes and for the rest of the team. Most of us expected to come back this year and repeat last year's performance, or at least come close. Even though we did start to do better at the end of the season we still didn't do very well," said sophomore Ricky Lane.

Some of the team members received awards for their year's performance and hard work. Conference awards include: First Team All Conference, Russ Dewes and Ricky Lane; and Second Team All Conference, John Korba.

*by Dedra Rutherford*

### INSTANT Replay

**SCORES**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Elkhart | 1 | 2 |
| Andrean | 0 | 2 |
| E.C. Central | 3 | 2 |
| Morton | 0 | 2 |
| Chesterton | 2 | 3 |
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| Crown Point | 0 | 1 |
| Lake Central | 1 | 1 |
| Portage | 4 | 4 |
| Munster | 1 | 4 |
| Bishop Noll | 4 | 1 |
| Highland | 2 | 1 |
| Crown Point | 2 | 1 |
| Lake Central | 2 | 1 |
| Munster | 0 | 3 |
| Wheeler | 3 | 0 |
| Valparaiso | 0 | 3 |
| Sectionals | | |
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| Munster | 0 | 2 |

Literally using his head, senior Russ Dewes Bonks the ball trying not to use his hands at all. *(J. Littlefield)*

Junior Jim Tauber blocks a kick by a player from the opposite team so they won't ger control of the ball. *(J. Littlefield)*

Senior Russ Dewes guards a notherplayer hoping to gain control of the ball. *(J. Littlefield)*

Senior Greg Uhter follows sophomore Ricky Lane down the field. *(J. Littlefield)*

Senior Ed Halajcsik kicks the ball down the field towards the oppostion's turf. *(J. Littlefield)*

Back row: Ron Knestrict, Russ Dewes, John Korba, Devin Juhasz, Todd Thirion, Neil Irvin, Trevor Domizet, Jim Tauber, Greg Bradburn, Coach Cordell Funk 2nd row: Dan Bartnicki, Shawn Myers, Chris Degard, Kevin Harder, Derik Hartley, Joe Gonzales. Front row: Joe Potesta, Jason Castelle, Jeff Messmer, Ricky Lane, Chris Gonzales.

Cheering is better moreso in football than in basketball because we do more for the team."

*Junior Kelley Gall*

Standing on the sidelines and cheering the team

# Lets go Team

## onto a victory, the cheerleaders flaunt their spirit

Cheerleaders aren't just girls walking around in skirts and screaming at the top of their lungs at games. They are more than that. They are there to get spirit going in the crowd, cheer on the team to a victory, and show their spirit and pride to all of the fans."I like being a cheerleader when the crowd responds to our cheers," said sophomore Natalie Pastar.

The cheerleaders play a major role in the school's spirit. Not only did they lead the crowd in cheers at the games, but they showed spirit toward the team by decorating their lockers for locker buddies and giving a Sectional Breakfast for the Football team. "By being a cheerleader, I want to give the atheletic teams all that support that I can and get the crowd involved. It gives players an extra boost when they hear their fans cheering for them so I hope that I can at least help with that," said senior Denise Castillo.

Cheering takes a lot of hard work and dedication. It basically goes from summer, when the girls go to camp, through March when Basketball season ends. "Cheerleading takes a lot of time and commitment. In most weeks there are two games for Varsity and JV football and basketball. We practice the other two nights so most of our time is spent towards preparing or performing," said cheerleading sponsor Ms. Julie Marcinek.

Once the football season begins, the cheerleaders strive to arouse spirit. As the year goes on, the football games get colder, but they keep on cheering. Junior Danielle Dudek said, "The cold weather doesn't bother me because in the games I am constantly jumping around and cheering for the team."

Junior Kelley Gall said,"Cheering is better moreso in football than in basketball because we seem to do a lot more for the players."

By attending all games, including the away games, the girls feel that they are part of the team. Cheering a team onto a victory or loss is as emotional for cheerleaders as it is for the team. "I remember the football game against Dwenger. The crowd was so into it and I had never seen such an emotional game," said sophomore Holly Huddleston.

*by Dedra Rutherford*

Cheerleaders Lindsey Friend and Holly Huddleston turn in their chili dinner tickets toMrs. Barb Deleget and Mrs. Judy Surovek.

Senior Denise Castillo screams a cheer during one of the football games.


Varsity Squad. Back to front: Danielle Dudek, Kelley Gail, Lindsey Friend, Melissa Busovsky, Denise DeBoer, and Denise Castillo.

JV Squad. Back row:Keela Gootee, LeeAnn Riese, and Jenny Gajewski. Front row:Holly Huddleston, and Natalie Pastar.

While cheering on the sidelines of the football game, the varsity squad tries to arouse spirit despite the cold weather. *(J. Littlefield)*

"I'm glad that I did so well in my last year of track at GHS."

*Senior Jim Lattin*

The track team accomplished many titles for the

# Track and Field

year in Conference, Sectionals, Regionals, and State

Track is a sport of many sports. There are events that involve doing things such as running, jumping, and throwing. That is just what the mighty Boys Track team did at Griffith High School.

Like always, the track team began conditioning a few weeks prior to the first meet. Preparing involves stretching, warming up, and plenty of running in order to improve.

The team did have new additonal members, which helped during events running events such as the hurdles and relay teams. Also, a record was set in the High Jump Event by sophomore Chad Sutton.

After the meets started, the team began their short season with many goals in mind. Senior Neil Milusak said, "One of my major goals this year was to qualify for Regionals. After I did qualify for Regionals, I worked toward my new goal, which was qualifying for State, and I did that, too."

The 1992 Conference Champs were Neil Miklusak for Shot Put and Discus and Chad Sutton in the High Jump. "The team did real well this year and especially with our two Conference Champs who also qualified for Regionals," said Coach Les Thornton.

The Sectional Champ was Chad Sutton and Regional Qualifiers were Neil Miklusak, Chad Sutton, and Jim Lattin. Senior Jim Latting said, "It was a great feeling to qualify for Regionals. I'm glad that I did so well in my last year of track at GHS."

*by Dedra Rutherford*

## INSTANT Replay

### SCORES

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| Indoor Conference | 4th |
| Tri-Angular | |
| Lake Central | 84 |
| Griffith | 53 |
| Calumet | 22 |
| Tri-Angular | |
| Crown Point | 80 |
| Highland | 50 |
| Griffith | 28 |
| Little 5 | 5th |
| Highland Invite | 3rd |
| Calumet Invite | 3rd |
| Griffith Relays | 1st |
| Outdoor Conference | 3rd |
| Sectional Champ | |
| Chad Sutton-High Jump | |
| Regional Qualifiers | |
| Neil Miklusak-Shot Put/Discus | |
| Chad Sutton-High Jump | |
| Jim Lattin-3200 Meter | |
| State Qualifier | |
| Neil Miklusak-Shot Put | |
| New School Record | |
| Chad Sutton-High Jump 6'9" | |

On his way up, junior Mike Cox grasps onto the pole to fling his weight to the other side. *(J. Littlefield)*

Junior Brad Zabek lands in the sand pit after taking a long jump during a meet. *(J. Littlefield)*

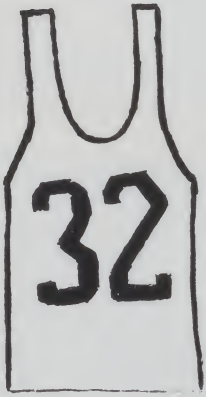
Junior Jerry Farrar pushes himself during a race at a home meet to finish with a good placing. *(J. Littlefield)*

Senior Neil Miklusak throws the shot put with great force. He qualified for State this year. *(J. Littlefield)*

Sophomore Chad Sutton passes off the baton to the second relay man junior Carl Rentschler in a relay team race. *(J. Littlefield)*

Back row: Coach Bernie Zieman, Todd Zabek, Neil Miklusak, Mike Cox, Chad Sutton, John Novath, Bruno Carre, Jerry Farrar, Richie Korba, Coach Scott Hendron. Front row: Russell Flitter, John Smith, Paul Mitchell, Brad Zabek, Carl Rentschler, Andy Schoon,Jeremy Worosz, Jim Lattin, Coach Les Thornton.

# AIDS Doesn't *make* Johnson afraid




Mouths gaped open and tears fell as 32 year old Earvin "Magic" Johnson, star of the Los Angeles Lakers announced that he was retiring from basketball because he contracted the HIV Virus, a virus that causes AIDS.

Johnson admitted to contracting the disease through unprotected sex. Johnson's physician, Dr. Michael Mellman recommended that Johnson not play professinal basketball, or participate in the 1992 Olympics because of the intense level of physical activity both would require. Johnson had been chosen for the United States Olympic Basketball Team that will be held in Madrid, Spain.

Johnson found out about the disease through tests for a life insurance policy. Johnson's wife, Earleatha "Cookie" Kelly tested negative for the virus. Even though she was pregnant, the fetus was not in any danger.

Magic received a lot of support from teammate, James Worthy and friends Mark Aguire and Isiah Thomas of the Detroit Pistons and Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls.

Devoted fans watched his press conference in awe, hoping that what he was saying and what they were hearing wasn't true. In some people's opinions, whether they are devoted Bulls fans or not even concerned basketball fans, feel it was his own fault that led to his misfortune. Some Griffith students stated their opinions:

"I don't think he should be allowed to play in the U.S. Olympic Team because that was just for the players who did well during the year, and he didn't play at all." Senior Chris Logan.

"It was bad for the sport of basketball, but it was good for the awareness of the public because he was a hero to some people. It just let people know that AIDS is out there and there are things you can do to prevent it." Senior Roger Helfen.

"I have no sympathy for him because he knew the dangers of sexually transmitted diseases in his promiscious way of life." Senior Allison Kundrot.

# Neil Miklusak Makes It Big (10)

Hard work finally paid off for senior Neil Miklusak, Tight end and Defensive end of the football team. In December, Miklusak was offered a 5 year scholarship to the University of Wisconsin.

Miklusak said, "I'm really excited about going to Wisconsin. It's a really cool campus. The people up there have set up a lot of programs that help athletes with their classes. I think that's important."

To keep the scholarship, players must sign an affadavit stating they went to every class, had no discipline problems, and kept a decent grade point average.

Sometimes after college football, comes professional football. Miklusak said, "I would only play professionally in my dreams. I think about it once in a while, like "what if". But after college, that will be all the ball I play."

Instead, Neil is considering a major in Sports Medicine.

# Boxer Behind Bars

Mike Tyson, the world's highest-paid athlete and the youngest boxer to win the heavy-weight championship, was convicted of rape and two counts of criminal deviant conduct in an Indianapolis courtroom February.

His victim, 18 year old Desiree Washington met Tyson during the Miss Black America beauty pageant last summer. She said Tyson, 25, raped her in room 606 of the Canterbury Hotel in Indianapolis.

Tyson's attorney Vincent Fuller tried to portray Washington as a "gold digger." During his opening argument, he pointed to the spectator section, to two lawyers hired by Washington's family to handle legal matters during the trial. If Tyson were convicted, Fuller charged, "they will file a big lawsuit, which stands to make Desiree Washington a wealthy woman."

The verdict dealt a fatal blow to Tyson's boxing career and cost Tyson $15 million he would have earned for fighting Evander Holyfield.

# Po' Bo Don't Play no mo'

Bo Jackson, star of the "Bo Knows" commercials had to retire from football and baseball because of a hip injury. Jackson, who played for both the LosAngeles Raiders and the Kansas City Royals was nailed in the hip during a football game. Jackson's hip never healed properly so he retired from the Raiders. Jackson could no longer run well, so the Royals eventually let him go. Last year the Chicago White Sox picked up Jackson as a designated hitter. Needless to say, Jackson didn't have a very good season and in April underwent a hip replacement surgery which led to his quitting the White Sox. With his sports career down the drain, Jackson has joined Ray Charles and supermodel Cindy Crawford as the new Pepsi spokespersons.

# IT + ALL + ADDS = UP

The price *isn't* right

Overpaid atheletes:

$ John "Hot Rod" Williams (Cleveland Cavs)

$ Danny Jackson (Cubs)

$ Ryne Sandburg (Cubs)

$ Kenny Anderson (New Jersey Nets)

$ Bryan Bosworth (retired-Seattle Seahawks)

Underpaid athletes:

$ Mark Carrier (Chicago Bears)

$ John Paxson (Chicago Bulls)

$ Ken Griffey,Jr (Seattle Mariners)

$ Frank Thomas (Chicago White Sox)

*Stories by Tomisha Joseph*
*Design by Dedra Rutherford*

# We got it in . . .

Matchpoint , Pepsi, Hair Designs by Charles', Varsity Shop, Blythes, Dr. Brown, Pleasant View, St. Margaret's Hospital ,and other local businesses.

What do all these places of business have in common?

They all helped to support Griffith through purchasing ads to help finance the *Reflector* yearbook, Volume 51 for the 1991-1992 school year. All of these stores, restaurants, or hangouts are common ground for Griffith High Schoolers when not in school. With the support of these places, they helped us get it together.

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Left: Local Business, Pascales Pizza let students decorate their windows during the football season. Right: Coach, and History Teacher Les Thornton pours pepsi while working in the concession stand during a basketball game.

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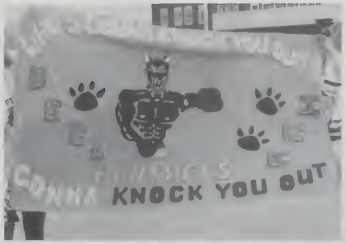



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# *Congratulations Seniors*

## From the Cheerleaders

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Kevin Harder
Congratulations and Best Wishes. We're proud of you. You're very special to us. We love you.
Love Mom, Dad & Mark

To my "BABY GIRL" ...Korey!

Well kiddo, you did it!! You've given me so many years of being a proud parent... a mom couldn't have asked for more. I'm always here. Love--Mom

Jen King:
Congratulations,
we're very proud of you. You've been a joy and a blessing in our lives. Best Wishes as you pursue your life dreams.
Love, Dad, Mom & Ed

Trisha Verhas

Congratulations!
Good Luck in your future, in whatever you decide to do.
Love--Dad, Mom, Nancy, Ted, Bobby

Dear Andy "54"

You have had a wonderful career as a GHS Panther. Congratulations on becoming a Franklin College Grizzly. "The best is yet to be." You will be the best. You have made us very proud. Love Mom & Dad

Gina Vittorio

What is a Gina?
A daughter, sister, and friend
To be proud of, and to Love...
with all our hearts,

Mom, Herald, Angela, Nick & Phebe

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# Seniors!!!

## Kellie

We watched you grow from a little girl with braces and ponytail, to a lovely young lady. You can never imagine how proud you make our family. You're the best daughter anyone could ask for. Congratulations, we're certain you'll be a wonderful nurse.
Love--Mom, Dad, John & Jim

## Jerry Murdock

May your life be filled with good health, happiness, and success. We're proud of you and love you.
Mom, Dad & Pat

## Kevin Kozuch,

". . . only those who dare to dream can make a dream come true."
We are very proud of you, Kevin, and our love will be with you wherever you go.
Mom, Sarah, Dad, Jill & Jon

## Sherry

May you always believe in the very special abilities our God, Lord Jesus, has created within you.
May he keep you and bless you forever.
CHICAGO here she comes!
Congratulations, we are very proud of you.
Love Dad, Mom and sis

## Buffy Bell:

We are so proud of you. You've given us so many special gifts through out the years. We're so happy you've began to realize some of the "special" gifts that God has given you to help you confidently walk into adulthood.
Congratulations Princess!!
We love you,
Mom, Mike and Jamie
"1992 Grad"

## Denise,

Thanks for 18 years of joy. You have given us a new outlook on life more than once with your love for people, your enthusiasm, laughter and fun loving nature. You are a vital part of our family, adn we are so proud of you at this important time in your life. Congratulations! We all love you so much.
Mom, Dad, Danette and Jeff

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# GOOD LUCK

Mike Serratore,
Congratulations on your graduation from G.H.S! Good Luck at St. Joseph's College!
Love, Dad, Mom, Matt, Tom & Susan

Rick Burks,
Congratulations to a great son-GOOD LUCK at Grand Valley State University.
Study hard!
Love,
Mom, Dad & Jeff

Tomisha-
Congratulations to our little Mish-Mish! It still works!
Love,
Mommy, Daddy
& Boogie Bear

Angela Skaggs,
Congratulations! O-liv is so happy you've made it!! I have to admit, I worried when I saw 19 girls constantly hanging out of the "Black Bomb." Was anyone ever doing homework?
You have grown into a lovely young woman. I burst with pride when I see the compassion you have for the elderly. That is a trait rare in youth.
It is a hard world out there, but your strength and compassion will carry you throughout your life. Reach for the stars!
Love You,
Mom

Troy Murphy
Congratulations Troy! We are proud of you! May God bless you!
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Ben & Matt

Rick Jerome #68,
Congratulations Rick! We're very proud of all you've accomplished. Thanks for the exciting football season.
Love,
Mom,Dad
& Brian

Troy Castile,
You are truly a blessing from the Lord. I am so proud if you in all areas of your life. Congratulations on your excellence award and your scholarship. May God bless you in your future.
Love you,
Mom and family

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# SENIORS!

Denise Castillo,
As you near the end of your high school years, we can beam with pride and marvel at all you've accomplished through your first 18 years of life. We know that no matter what you attempt to do you will will excel in it. We are very proud of you and we love you very much.
Love, Mom & Dad

Jill Littlefield,
Graduation is a time to remember all your accomplished and all the fun experience: You met all your challenge with determination and you reached your goals.Just remember you are already a success because of who you are, and you deserve to succeed in whatever you do. Love Dad & Mom

Julie Ellison,
Yes you tried our patience.
Yes you made us sigh
Yes you made us laugh red hard.
Yes you made us cry
Yes you are very stubborn
and you won't give give up a fight
Yes your room is cream-corn
and you always think you're right
But there is something you don't know
as real as is true
The reason we're so full of pride...
...is just because you're you.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Katie, & Fred

Jennifer:
The day you were born we knew you were special. You've worked hard to prove yourself and we're all very proud. CONGRATULATIONS

Jason Young,
You don't know how very proud we are of you. You deserve nothing but the best in life . You're off to a good start son.
With lots of love,
Dad & Mom

Jenni Cebulski,
Congratulations! You've made us so proud of you throughout your school years in everything you have accomplished (which is more than we ever dreamed of) Thanks for 18 wonderful years. May God bless & keep you safe.
Love,
Mom, Dad& Boo Boo#2

Angela Piekarczyk,
Congratulations Graduate! We can hardly believe it's time. The years went by so fast. We are proud of you!
Way to go Cool Willie!!!!!!!!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Bill,
Amber and Heather

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## GHS loses teacher, friend


Mr. Donald Ray

"He was loved by his family, students, colleagues, and friends. He touched hundreds of lives in his teaching. Over 3700 direct contacts.

Don was a relevant teacher who brought government into the classroom," said Mr. Frank Hanak, the First vice President of the Griffith School Board.

On Monday, March 30, Griffith High School suffered a great loss when Mr. Donald Ray passed away at home after a long battle with cancer.

Mr. Ray came to the Griffith School System in 1962. While he was at GHS he taught health, US history, goegraphy, citizenship, and was a drivers education instructor. In addition to being a teacher at GHS he also taught geography at Indiana University Northwest. During his years at GHS he was involved in many extracurricular activities. He had been the sponsor for the Geography Club and the Academic Coach for the Social Studies branch of the academic teams.

Mr. Ray had also been involved with the Athletic Department. He was the official scorekeeper for the basketball team for 27 years, the official time keeper for the football team for 20 years, and he coached the junior high's boys basketball team.

Mr Ray was the teacher sponsor of local students in the Rotary World Affairs Conference. He participated in the National Endowment for the Humanities Workshop, Indiana Historical Bureau, Jeffereson Meeting on the Indiana Constitution Workshop. He was the Congressional District Coordinator for the Bicentennial Competition, the State Coordinator for the National Geographic Bee and the Chairman of Griffith H.S. Performance-Based Accreditation Committee, and a member of the National Council of Social Studies.

Mr. Ray also traveled to Germany to study government on the Germany Marshall Teachers Exchange Program.

His dedication and hard work as a teacher was finally recognized in 1991 when the Daughters of the American Revolution presented him with the "History Teacher of the Year Award."

His name was read into the official Congressional Records by Congressman Pete Visclosky for his work in government and the Bicentennial Competition.

# Colophon

Diana Davis
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If I said this year went by smoothly, I'd be lying. In the beginning of the year everything went great; deadlines were met and everyone got along. As the year progressed, things went downhill. Assignments were turned in a little late and we began to argue. But even though we had our problems, we never let if affect the quality of the *Reflector*.

Everything in this book was done on 3 Macintosh computers. The stories are in 10 point New Century Schoolbook and the captions are in 9 point. The headlines are in different point sizes and different types because of freehand. This yearbook is a special one because it is the last one that will be produced in the infamous J-room. I know there will be a new J-room, but it won't be the same.

Before I finish, I would like to give thanks to the people that deserve the

Tomisha Joseph
Editor-in-Chief

credit for helping with the yearbook. I want to say thanks to Ruthii, Jim, Amy and LeeAnn for turning in their assignments on time and never (well, almost never!) complaining about a deadline. Thanks to Diana and Dedra for placing their own stories and doing their own headlines and captions. It really helped a lot!!! Thank you Danielle Dudek and Chris Fisher for helping out with the pictures. You guys were there for me when someone else let me down. Finally I want to give an EXTRA thanks to Jackie Acosta and Miss Marcinek. They reallly helped out when other people quit on me. They probably didn't expect to spend part of their summer in the J-room. Thanks again Jacks and Mar!

I want to say "Good Luck" next year to Miss Marcinek, we all wish her the best in Crown Point and to Jackie, the new Editor-in-Chief. I know you'll do a great job!!

Amy Hruskocy
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# We did it all . . .

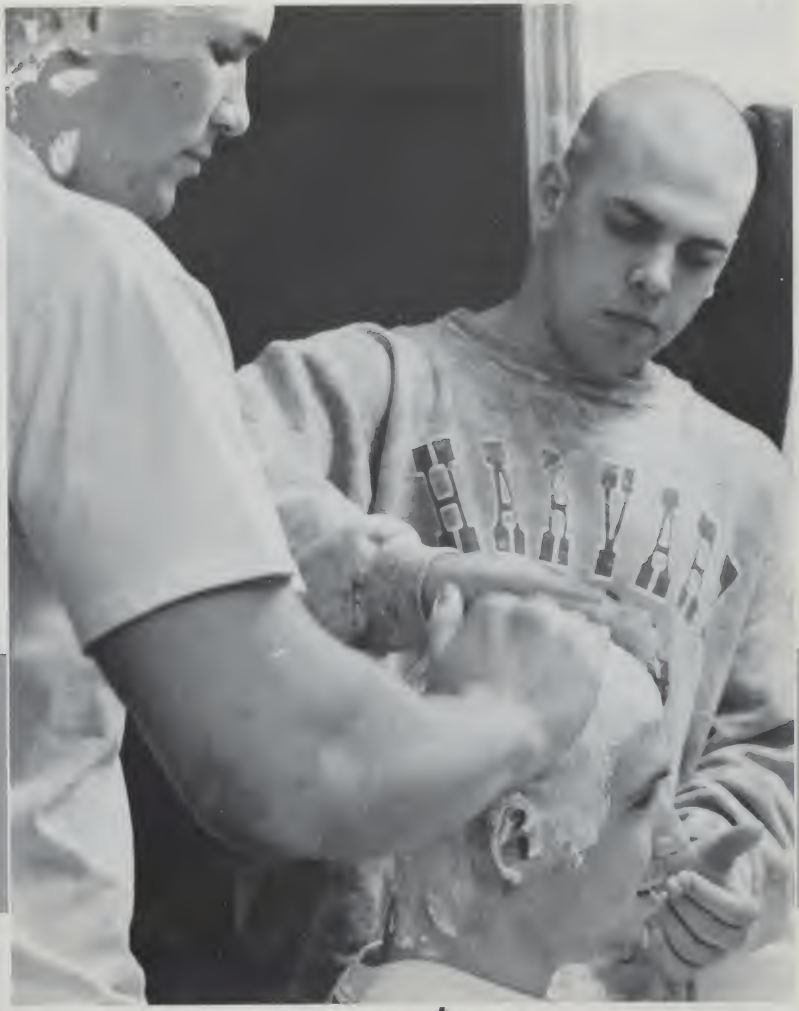
As the year came to a close, the seniors prepared for college while the juniors and sophomores planned out the next year's schedule of classes. Friends, students, and teachers said their goodbyes to each other and the 1991-92 school year. Looking back, there were many sports and academic accomplishments making new records in the school's history.

The Football and Wrestling team conquered a Regional win for the first time. Also, many other sports teams made improvements as a team.

The academic teams progressed as the English Academic team went down state for a competition. All in all, every teacher and student got it. . . together.

In an attempt to get it together during a heated game, head coach Les Thornton grabs coach Jim Anderson to get suggestions for what play to call. Information is relayed from a coach in the press box via the headphones.


Left: Senior Neil Miklusak makes a dress out of toilet paper for senior Denise Castillo as a Homecoming Court event on Activities Night. Above: Seniors Mike Toth, Mike Garvey and Kevin Kozuch support the Highland wall of the Senior Homecoming Float as other seniors secure it in place. Right: Seniors Rick Burks, and Rick Jerome smear shaving cream on senior Todd Leslie's head in order to shave it.




# Together

# We had it . . .


The 1991-92 Football team celebrated their victory after capturing the Sectional Title.

# TOGETHER

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